



COVID-19 Science Report: Diagnostics

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Diagnostics

For regular readers of this report, the latest additions have been highlighted in orange.

Some references were from preprints which are preliminary and yet to be peer reviewed, the results should be interpreted with caution.

Laboratory diagnosis plays an important role in disease and outbreak management. Fast and accurate laboratory diagnosis of a specific viral infection of interest contributes to prompt public health surveillance, prevention, and control measures. With wide accessibility and availability of an accurate laboratory diagnosis for early detection, local transmission and clusters can be prevented or at least delayed by isolating the laboratory-confirmed cases in a healthcare facility, and to have their close contacts quarantined and monitored at home. Furthermore, this facilitates the implementation of specific public health intervention such as the closure of specific high-risk facilities and areas associated with the laboratory-confirmed cases for prompt infection control and environmental decontamination.^{1,2}

Current Diagnostics

Appendix A contains four summary tables:

1. Table 1 is a list of the latest non-commercial laboratory diagnostic protocols listed on WHO's COVID-19 webpage.
2. Table 2 is a list of available or upcoming commercial and non-commercial diagnostics. Diagnostics that can be used for point-of-care testing have been noted in Table 2 in the first column. FIND has a similar list compiled from publicly available information and from self-submissions by suppliers at <https://www.finddx.org/covid-19/pipeline/>.³ Other lists include those compiled by Nature^{4,5} and 360Dx/GenomeWeb.⁶
3. Table 3 is a list of approaches for laboratory diagnostics of coronaviruses by Zhang et al (2020).⁷
4. Table 4 is a list of the gene targets and specimen sample types tested with polymerase chain reaction (PCR) as reported in publications on clinical cases of COVID-19 published before 7 March 2020.

Detection of Viral Genetic Material

Chinese health authorities have posted the full genome of SARS-CoV-2 in GenBank and GISAID portal.¹ Several lab assays have been developed to detect SARS-CoV-2, as highlighted in WHO's guidance to COVID-19 laboratory testing of suspected cases. WHO first published five protocols for diagnostics using reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) on their COVID-19 webpage. These included protocols from Charité Institute of Virology in Germany and The University of Hong Kong (HKU), as well as those from Thailand, Japan, and China. A sixth protocol from US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) was subsequently added on WHO's webpage on 29 January 2020.⁸ The WHO webpage has since been updated with a different URL and with additional guidance documents.⁹ A seventh protocol from Institut Pasteur in Paris, France, was added on WHO's webpage in March 2020.¹⁰

It should be noted that the protocols for diagnostics using RT-PCR published on WHO's webpage is for guidance and not an exhaustive list. Various institutions and governments

have chosen to develop their own protocols that might not be publicly available or published by WHO on their webpage.

As outlined in the sixth national treatment and diagnostic plan issued by China's National Health Commission, the diagnosis of COVID-19 still requires the detection of the genetic material of SARS-CoV-2 before classification as a confirmed case.¹¹

The first validated diagnostic test was designed by Prof Christian Drosten's group from Charité Institute of Virology in Berlin, Germany.^{1,12} The initial RT-PCR assay design was based on the SARS-CoV or SARS-related coronavirus, but with the release of the sequence, assays were selected based on the match against the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Two assays were used for the RdRp gene and E gene where E gene assay acts as the first-line screening tool and RdRp gene assay as the confirmatory testing. All assays were highly sensitive and specific, and do not cross-react with other coronavirus and also human clinical samples that contain respiratory viruses.

HKU uses two multiplex assays reactive with coronavirus under the subgenus Sarbecovirus which consist of SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV, and SARS-like coronavirus.^{13,14} Viral RNA extracted from SARS-CoV could be used as the positive control. The N gene RT-PCR could be used as a screening assay and Orf1b assay as a confirmatory test. However, this protocol has only been evaluated with a panel of controls and only positive control, SARS-CoV RNA. Synthetic oligonucleotide positive control or SARS-CoV-2 have yet to be tested. This protocol has since been published in Clinical Chemistry on 31 January 2020.¹⁴

US CDC has shared the protocol for rRT-PCR assay with the primers and probes designed for the universal detection of SARS-like coronavirus and the specific detection of SARS-CoV-2.^{15,16} However, the protocol has not been validated in other platform or chemistries apart from the protocol described, and the analyst has to be trained and familiar with the testing procedure and result interpretation. As of 4 February 2020, US CDC has obtained emergency use assessment (EUA) from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).¹⁷ This allowed US CDC to ship their diagnostic test kits to laboratories that are designated by CDC as qualified or certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) to perform high complexity tests in the US.

With the first batch of US CDC diagnosis kits shipped in February 2020, however, quality control issues were found with reagents pertaining to the third step N3 gene assay for universal detection of SARS-like coronaviruses.¹⁸ As such, US CDC was reportedly producing new test kits, and that those with existing kits were provided with new guidelines to continue without the third step N3 gene assay.^{19,20} An investigation had also been launched, with major concerns raised in the preliminary stages.^{21,22} The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has since announced on 29 February 2020 a change in policy for certain laboratories to develop and begin using validated COVID-19 diagnostics (other than that by US CDC) before the FDA has completed the EUA review.^{21,23} By the end of March, over 20 organisations (including US CDC and Wadsworth Center, New York State Department of Public Health) have obtained EUA approvals from US FDA for their diagnostics. IDT²⁴ and LGC, Biosearch Technologies²⁵ also have specific lots of their RT-PCR diagnostic kits approved for EUA by US FDA.

Cepheid's Xpert Xpress SARS-CoV-2 test is the first point-of-care diagnostics to obtain EUA approval from the US FDA.^{26,27} Using samples obtained from nasopharyngeal swabs or nasal wash/aspirate, the test can produce results in 45 minutes. This point-of-care test can be run on Cepheid's automated GeneXpert Systems machines without having the samples sent to a laboratory. However, as each machine can only run one sample at a time, this

poses a limitation in true volume throughput of diagnostic tests run. Additionally, there are only an estimated 5000 machines in the US as of March 2020.

Mesa Biotech and Abbott Diagnostics also have point-of-care tests for SARS-CoV-2 genetic material that have obtained EUA approval from US FDA.^{28,29} Mesa Biotech's Accula SARS-Cov-2 Test takes 30 minutes and runs on the Accula system machines.³⁰ Abbott Diagnostic's ID Now COVID-19 test takes only 5 to 13 minutes to run completely, and can run on Abbott's ID Now platform, which is reported to have about 18,000 existing machines around the world.³¹

Currently, most of the available diagnostics have focused on packaging the appropriate reagents and genetic primers and probes for using RT-PCR to amplify genetic material for detection of SARS-CoV-2. Additional methods include using microarray or microfluidic lab-on-chip technologies, CRISPR to isolate gene segments for diagnostics, and full genetic sequencing. The use of microarray or microfluidic technologies for miniaturised fast detection of genetic material in some instances could be considered to be rapid point-of-care testing, as samples could be run on miniaturised and/or automation machinery instead of a full laboratory. However, the caveat would be that the accompanying machinery and reagents are widely distributed and available across different sites and/or in the field.

Mammoth Biosciences was previously reported to be developing a CRISPR-based diagnostics for detection of SARS-CoV-2 in partnership with University of California San Francisco.³²⁻³⁴ In a published *Nature Biotechnology* paper by Broughton et al (2020), the authors described the development and initial validation of the new assay that uses CRISPR Cas12 guide ribonucleic acids (gRNAs).³⁵ Swab samples first go through the usual RNA extraction, followed by reverse transcriptase loop-mediated isothermal amplification (RT-LAMP) to amplify the SARS-CoV-2 RNA. Cas12 gRNAs then detect for the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 E gene and N2 region of the N gene, and proceed to cleave the FAM-biotin reporter molecules. A lateral flow assay test strip would then detect the uncleaved (first detection line – control line) and cleaved (second detection line – test line) reporter molecules. The complete assay time from start to finish takes only about 40 minutes.

Next generation sequencing (NGS), sometimes referred to as deep sequencing, refers to a sequencing approach that allows for reactions and analysis to occur simultaneously. Multiple sequencing reactions can occur in parallel without having physical separation in tubes, capillaries, or lanes for different reactions.³⁶ NGS-based tests can be less time consuming and provide higher throughput, and be less labour-intensive than traditional Sanger sequencing. The Fulgent Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) test is a NGS-based test to detect SARS-CoV-2. In addition to detecting the virus, this test also characterizes the entire viral genome, thereby going beyond just detection of a few gene targets as in RT-PCR tests. NGS tests, like the one by Fulgent Genetics, will not be limited by a shortage of reagents, which has proven to be a roadblock for large scale processing of RT-PCR based tests in the market currently.³⁷

Serological Testing

Serological tests can be used to assess both active and historical infection within the community. For diagnosis of acute infections, there is a lag period from start of infection to a true positive diagnosis due to a delay in the immune response of antibodies specifically targeting the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The presence of IgM antibodies for SARS-CoV-2 has been observed in a cohort study to take 10 days or later after the onset of symptoms,³⁸ but has been separately observed to take as early as 7 days in a patient.³⁸ However, serological

tests using immunoassay test strips can also provide rapid point-of-care qualitative detection of antibodies for better screening before further confirmatory tests.

Singapore has developed an approach of using serological testing to diagnose cases that earlier had COVID-19.^{39,40} This test for the antibodies for SARS-CoV-2 was developed by Prof Wang Linfa's group in Duke-NUS Medical School.

Rapid point-of-care antibody tests have been developed by Guangzhou Medical University under the guidance of famed researcher Dr Zhong Nanshan and are already in use in China.^{11,41} Guangzhou Wondfo Biotech and Innovita Biological Technology have already received EUA approvals from the China National Medical Products Administration (NMPA) for their antibody test kits.⁴²⁻⁴⁵ Guangzhou Wondfo Biotech has also obtained CE Mark for their Wondfo SARS-CoV-2 Antibody Test (Lateral Flow Method) that tests for both IgM and IgG antibodies.^{46,47} Pharmact AG from Germany,⁴⁸ Zhejiang Orient Gene Biotech,^{49,50} and SD Biosensor⁵¹ all have commercially available immunoassay test strips for qualitative detection of antibodies that can be used for point-of-care testing. Other rapid test kit development and commercialisation efforts by Jiangsu Medomics Medical Technologies,⁵² Shenzhen Tisenc Medical Devices,⁵³ and Nankai University⁵⁴ are also underway. These test strips are all expected to take about 15 to 20 minutes, a major time reduction compared to using RT-PCR.

Jiangsu Medomics Medical Technologies (China-based sister company of BioMedomics, USA) have created a point-of-care lateral flow immunoassay that simultaneously detects both IgM and IgG antibodies against SARS-CoV-2, named COVID-19 IgM/IgG Rapid Test.⁵² In a published *Journal of Medical Virology* paper by Li et al (2020), the team found a sensitivity of 88.66% and specificity of 90.63% through testing samples from 397 positive case patients and 128 negative control patients.⁵⁵ The use of whole blood (diluted with buffer to improve flow) can be used and can produce results within 15 minutes. Comparison of fingerstick whole blood with both plasma and serum from venous blood found no differences in results for 7 positive case patients and 3 negative control patients. By using both IgM and IgG, the test can be used for detection of patients at different infection stages. Over 500,000 of the COVID-19 IgM/IgG Rapid Test was reported to have been sold in China, and are currently being sold in Italy having received CE Mark for in vitro diagnostics (IVD) on 8 March 2020.⁵⁶ BioMedomics is seeking to obtain EUA approval from US FDA.^{57,58}

Cellex is the first company supplying a rapid point-of-care lateral flow immunoassay test to obtain EUA approval from US FDA. However, in the instructions for use (IFU) provided on FDA's website, the test cartridge was specified to only be used to "aid in the diagnosis of patients with suspected SARS-CoV-2 infection in conjunction with clinical presentation and the results of other laboratory tests."⁵⁹ The test can be used with serum, plasmas, or whole blood from venepuncture, but not blood from fingerstick.

In March 2020, FIND launched an evaluation of SARS-CoV-2 immunoassays using a standardized independent protocol.⁶⁰ Although the initial round of submissions allowed for manual ELISA and machine-based or lateral flow rapid tests, the first selection announced prioritised evaluation of only rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs). The final list of this first selection covered 27 RDTs for detection of antibodies targeting SARS-CoV-2. Five RDTs for detection of SARS-CoV-2 antigen will also be tested. Results are not available as of 9 April 2020.

Carbohydrate based glycation pattern detection diagnostic has been developed by Icen Diagnostics.⁶¹ They are using lateral flow assays (also known as lateral flow immunochromatographic assays) as a point-of-care test. Lateral flow assays are advantageous because without the need for specialized and costly equipment, you can produce a result quickly (15 minutes) and is relatively inexpensive and simple to use.⁶² Being

based on glycan molecules, the virus is unable to mutate and avoid surveillance because even though the genetic sequence of the virus can mutate, the glycans it uses does not change.⁶³

Antigen Testing

The test of antigens specific to the SARS-CoV-2, such as the nucleocapsid (N) protein and the S1 or S2 domains of the spike (S) protein, can be done using monoclonal antibodies (mAbs).⁵ Such tests would still require respiratory tract specimen samples (eg by nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swabs) for detection testing. Commercialisation efforts of antigen testing into rapid point-of-care lateral flow assay cartridges, as well as the validation testing of these commercialised rapid tests, are underway.^{5,64} Unlike diagnostics using PCR, which is a process that amplifies the viral RNA, antigen testing using a lateral flow assay with direct swab samples does not have such an amplification process. Such tests thus run a higher risk of not being able to detect viral material from a swab, and producing false negative diagnosis. There have been reports of such lateral flow assay cartridges for antigen testing already in the market, but that have low accuracy and have not been approved for use.⁶⁵

Imaging

In the sixth national treatment and diagnostic plan issued by China's National Health Commission, cases diagnosed using chest CT Scans were not continued as part of the count of new confirmed cases.¹¹ China had previously announced that they would include in the count of COVID-19 cases, those that were diagnosed using chest CT Scans.⁶⁶ This was due to the limited diagnostic kits and resources for testing of SARS-CoV-2 genetic material. This proposed method of early diagnosis has been explored and published in the Radiology journal.^{67,68} Some studies have indicated, albeit with small samples, that CT scans could show indications of COVID-19 before onset of symptoms or positive RT-PCR test.⁶⁹⁻⁷¹ Alibaba has also developed an artificial intelligence (AI) model using data from 5000 confirmed cases that has 96% accuracy rate in detecting differences in chest CT scans to distinguish patients with COVID-19 vs ordinary viral pneumonia.⁷²

Issues with Diagnosis Approaches

Use of Rapid Antibody Tests in Community

The use of rapid point-of-care serological tests for diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection has been a concern for global regulators.^{73,74} Immunoassay tests for antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 run the risk of false negatives, particularly in the early stages of infection, since there is usually a delay before antibodies are detectable, with different individuals mounting different immune responses.⁷⁴ There is also a risk of false positives if individuals have formed similar antibodies with exposure to other types of coronaviruses.

Rapid point-of-care immunoassay test strips using just blood from fingerstick is convenient, minimises exposure to healthcare workers, and could serve as first-level screening in community before confirmatory testing of viral genetic material. When used for patients already showing symptoms and/or when physicians are suspicious of infection, such tests could save time and maximise limited resources. Adding these tests, instead of full replacement of the PCR tests of genetic material, could be beneficial considering the major global shortage of supplies of key reagents for RNA extraction needed for the PCR test.⁷⁵

Public Health England (PHE) has previously warned against the use of rapid point-of-care serological tests at home or in community pharmacies due to the lack of information on

accuracy and published evidence.⁷⁶ However, Prof Sharon Peacock from PHE announced on 25 March 2020 that 3.5 million of such rapid serological tests have been ordered and will be rolled out for use after evaluation.⁷⁷ The UK government's chief medical adviser, Prof Chris Whitty, has put in question when the tests would be available. The priority of such tests would likely be for healthcare workers, such that those shown to have immunity are allowed to return to work.

The Australian government has also announced that 500,000 of such rapid point-of-care tests have been ordered to be used in hospitals and clinics for screening purposes.⁷⁸ As of 26 March 2020, Australia has five such tests with approval for inclusion in the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) from the Department of Health Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).⁷⁹

Specimen Sample Collection

The sites of biological sampling can affect the sensitivity of diagnostic tests relying on detection of genetic material. A previous study by Kim et al (2011) has found that detection strengths of using nasopharyngeal (nasal) or oropharyngeal (throat) swabs differ for different pathogens infecting the respiratory tract, and that not one is superior than the other for all cases.⁸⁰

For SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV, specimens collected from the lower respiratory tract such as sputum and tracheal aspirate have higher and more prolonged levels of viral RNA. MERS-CoV viral load is also higher for severe cases and has longer viral shedding as compared to the mild case. Although upper respiratory tract specimens such as nasal or throat swabs could be used, it has a lower viral load and could result in false-negative tests among the mild cases.^{81,82} This is one key characteristic that may be similar to SARS-CoV-2.

Current recommendation by US CDC requires the use of BOTH nasal and throat swabs to obtain specimen from upper respiratory tract of potential case with COVID-19 for diagnostic testing using RT-PCR.⁸³ However, initial rapid guidelines from China only indicated the use of throat swabs.⁸⁴

Latest published findings from Yang et al (2020) specific for COVID-19 have found that testing of specimens obtained from nasal swabs, as well as from sputum, are more effective than throat swabs, for the detection of SARS-CoV-2.⁸⁵ The authors warned that "throat swabs were not recommended for the viruses detection, especially the samples collected 8~14 and ≥ 15 days after onset of illness (d.a.o.) from mild cases, which may result in a large proportion of false negative results." The authors concluded that "sputum is most accurate for laboratory diagnosis of (COVID-19), followed by nasal swabs, while throat swabs was [sic] not recommended for the diagnosis." However, the authors recognised the limitation that preliminary investigations found that only about a quarter of COVID-19 patients showed had production.

Interestingly, the authors found that for severe cases, bronchoalveolar lavage fluid (BALF) had 100% positive detection rate while specimens from upper respiratory tract (sputum, nose swab, and throat swab) did not have as strong detection rates.⁸⁵ This might be a case whereby the severe cases reflect the deep infection of the lower respiratory tract, causing the pneumonia-like symptoms. The use of only nasal or throat swabs to get at an official diagnosis could thus prove to be frustrating, particularly when specimens from the upper respiratory tract might show a negative result even though all clinical signs indicate otherwise. This could cause delayed diagnosis, containment actions, and treatment regimes, and as such, the recommendation of CT scans as an added layer. On the contrary, the small sample of three patients that were mild cases with BALF tested had 0% positive detection. It

could be these cases are mild because the SARS-CoV-2 did not infect the lower respiratory tract but remained in the upper respiratory tract, which allowed for better detection if using samples from sputum or nasal swabs.

A limitation of the Yang et al (2020) study was that it was conducted with COVID-19 patients that have already been admitted to the hospital and started on antiviral treatments.⁸⁵ Their findings might thus be limited in being fully applicable to the scenario of diagnosis of potential cases. However, the study does also raise questions on the risk of false negatives leading to early discharges out of isolation and quarantine of existing diagnosed cases.

To note, nasal and throat swabs:

- could cause discomfort and even bleeding
- would require experienced healthcare provider to administer
- could risk exposure to healthcare provider
- does not obtain specimens from lower respiratory tract

A study by To et al (2020) have found that SARS-CoV-2 was detected in saliva samples from 11 out of 12 COVID-19 patients.⁸⁶ This suggests that saliva samples could be a potential alternative or additional specimen for diagnostic testing, especially in scenarios with limited trained healthcare providers outside of the hospital setting, and with aim to reduce exposure risk during specimen collection. A preprint study by Tu et al (2020) has found that when compared to healthcare worker-collected nasopharyngeal swabs, self-collected tongue, nasal, and mid-turbinate samples have high sensitivities 90% and above.⁸⁷ A preprint study by Kojima et al (2020) has also found that supervised self-collection of oral fluids and nasal swabs, but not unsupervised self-collection of oral fluids, could perform just as well as, if not better than clinician-collected nasopharyngeal swab samples.⁸⁸

As of 9 March 2020, Hong Kong has launched an initiative to have private general practitioners (GPs) and family doctors help collect deep throat saliva samples from potential cases with COVID-19.⁸⁹ The initiative to collect saliva samples is in light of the lack of protective gear by private doctors to collect nasal swabs. This initiative aims to improve community surveillance through expanding testing sample collection beyond that currently done at 17 public hospitals and 64 government-run outpatient clinics.

Singapore's Lucence has also recently launched a viral sample collection kit, the SAFER-Sample (Stabilization of nucleic Acid Formulation for Evaluation of RNA) kit.⁹⁰ The kit contains a bottle with stabilization fluid that keeps the viral RNA stable at room temperature for up to a week after mixing with the sample at the point of collection. Non-invasive sample types such as saliva could also be collected with the SAFER-Sample kit. This kit could potentially increase facilitation of initiatives to expand specimen sample collection capabilities, particularly since it does not require immediate refrigeration, a barrier private GPs and family doctors have highlighted as they have limited refrigerator space, with most dedicated to storing medications and vaccines.⁸⁹

Rutgers University's RUCDR Infinite Biologics has obtained first EUA approval from the US FDA to use saliva samples as the main specimen in tests for SARS-CoV-2.^{91,92} Unlike swab samples, saliva samples can be collected without requiring close interaction of healthcare provider (self-collection) with the person under investigation. The EUA summary specifies that collection of saliva samples should be done in a healthcare setting under the supervision of a trained healthcare provider, using the Spectrum Solutions LLC SDNA-1000 Saliva Collection Device.⁹² Testing is also limited to Rutgers Clinical Genomics Laboratory (RCGL) at RUCDR Infinite Biologics. The test is a modified version of the previously

authorized Thermo Fisher Applied Biosystems TaqPath COVID-19 Combo Kit. Parallel testing of nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal swab samples with saliva samples using this test found 100% agreement for positive and negative results.

As of 16 April, US FDA announced a further expansion of current COVID-19 testing capabilities through the possibility of using spun synthetic swabs, which have a similar design to Q tips, for self-collection of samples at the front of the nose by patients.⁹³ This would allow improved comfort for the patients, while minimizing exposure of healthcare providers.

Process of Laboratory Diagnosis

A commentary⁹⁴ published in the Journal of Clinical Microbiology on 3 April 2020 highlights the current issues and challenges surround the process of laboratory diagnosis. This can be roughly divided into pre-analytical, analytical, and post analytical issues.

Pre-Analytical Issues:

Other than the aforementioned issues with specimen sample collection, there are also theoretical risks of transmission. The possible airborne transmission of SARS-CoV-2 poses risks of transmission during Nasopharyngeal/Oropharyngeal swab collection. Proper PPE must be given to healthcare workers doing these swabs. If proper PPE cannot be administered to those collecting samples, other means of collecting samples must be considered. As mentioned before, possible alternatives include self-collected saliva specimens and nasal washes. However, some saliva/NPS/OPS miss early infection and as such multiple tests may need be done, or samples must be collected from the lower respiratory tract (eg. Bronchoalveolar lavage).

Analytical Issues

Assay selection. Based on previous usage for detection of influenza viruses, rapid antigen lateral flow assays are expected to suffer from poor sensitivity, despite having a fast turnover time and reduced costs. Another concern is the viral load variability in patients, causing the antigen assays to give false negative results. Furthermore, serology methods, like detecting IgG and IgM are best used retrospectively. IgM is thought to be nonspecific and specific IgG takes weeks to develop and as such, is not useful in active case management, apart from diagnosing COVID-19 late in patients.

Assay selection for molecular detection. Advanced techniques such as next generation sequencing and metagenomic next generation sequencing, while currently impractical for diagnosing COVID-19, may still be needed as it can help predict future mutations in the viral genome.

Target selection for real time RT-PCR assays. In such real time RT-PCR assays, at least two molecular targets, ideally one conserved region and one specific region, must be included. This is to mitigate the effect of cross reaction with other coronaviruses as well as the effects of genetic drift, which is expected to increase as the virus expands in new populations.

Post-Analytical

Interpretation of molecular results. Despite possible correlations, COVID-19 disease severity or response to therapy should not be based on viral loads determined by rRT-PCR but they can be used as an indicator of transmissibility in patients.

Test of cure and test of infectivity. Discharge criteria is a critical issue, and it primarily deals with whether hospitals test for complete cure, or test of whether the patients are still infective. Discharged patients are still likely to infect others if they are still shedding the virus, yet may

have no remaining symptoms. NP swabs or OP swabs may not be sufficient in determining the test of cure or test of infectivity. The gold standard so far has been two consecutive negative rRT-PCR tests from rectal swabs. However, patients with positive rectal swabs would still be shedding the virus and are still infectious.

Gene Target Choices

In addition to different types of specimen samples being collected by different healthcare teams across institutions and nations, the gene targets of choice and PCR protocols used also differs. Table 4 in Appendix A presents a summary of the gene targets and specimen sample types tested with PCR as reported in selected publications on clinical cases of COVID-19 published before 7 March 2020.

It is important to note that virus mutation might affect sensitivity of test kits. In particular, tests which only target a single target, or that target easily mutated areas of the virus genome are theoretically likely to have lower sensitivity.

Imaging

A recent Lancet study has indicated that CT findings in patients with COVID-19, such as that of ground glass opacities and consolidations, are not specific for COVID-19.⁹⁵ Hence, the authors assert that this limitation confers a low positive predictive value to the use of CT in diagnosis, unless disease prevalence is high, and therefore does not believe that the CT adds diagnostic value. Regardless of negative results on a CT, it should still be confirmed with RT-PCR tests, and the patient should still be isolated. The results of the CT scan hence would not influence management in this case. Furthermore, the usage of CT scans during the pandemic raises additional logistical challenges and machines can become vectors of infection, even with proper cleaning protocols.

Search Method

Searches have been conducted for the latest information related to diagnostics for COVID-19 (previously 2019-Novel Coronavirus or 2019-nCoV) since 28 January 2020. Searches were done on PubMed and Google Search using key words that included: coronavirus; Wuhan; diagnostic; diagnostics; diagnosis; diagnoses; novel coronavirus; 2019 novel coronavirus; 2019-nCoV; COVID-19; SARS-CoV-2. Google Search results reviewed included webpages of: government and international bodies with official information and guidelines (WHO, Europe CDC, US CDC, US FDA), diagnostic protocols, scientific commentaries, market news, and press releases. All relevant links in the webpages were reviewed and relevant information used and referenced. A latest list of potential commercial kits in the works was also provided on 29 January 2020 by Dr Kim J Png through personal communications. This list was compiled by Dr Png from web searches and review of latest business news. The list served to verify and supplement our team's own search above for review. Subsequently, a list of biomedical news sites (Bioworld, Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology News, GenomeWeb/360Dx, Verdict Medical Devices) were also reviewed regularly as "go-to" sites to provide latest updates on commercial diagnostics developments. These in turn seed new searches to obtain official press releases, commercial listings, and news reporting. To note, the latest information of diagnostics being used and developed in China remain scarce or difficult to review (in Chinese, not indexed in non-Chinese search engines, or not reported in non-Chinese media news outlets). Therefore, China news sources in English language (CGTN, ChinaDaily, Global Times) were used.

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Appendix A

Table 1. Non-Commercial Laboratory Protocols

Molecular tests (rRT-PCR)								
Type	Organisation	Date	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
rRT-PCR	Charité Institute of Virology, Berlin, Germany ^{1,96}	13 Jan 2020	Primer and Probe First line screening assay: E gene assay Confirmatory assay: RdRp gene assay Additional confirmatory assay: N gene assay	<u>First line screening assay</u> Technical LOD: 5.2 RNA copies/reaction, at 95% hit rate 95% CI: 3.7-9.6 RNA copies/reaction. <u>Confirmatory assay</u> Technical LOD: 3.8 RNA copies/reaction, at 95% hit rate 95% CI: 2.7-7.6 RNA copies/reaction. <u>Additional confirmatory assay</u> Technical LOD: 8.3 RNA copies/reaction, at 95% hit rate; 95% CI: 6.1-16.3 RNA copies/reaction.	<u>Chemical stability</u> No positive signal detected for non-specific reactivity of oligonucleotides. <u>Cross-reactivity with other coronaviruses</u> No reactivity with any of three assays for five coronaviruses: (HCoV) -229E, -NL63, -OC43, -HKU1, and MERS-CoV <u>Tests of human clinical samples previously tested to contain respiratory viruses</u> All tests returned negative results for all 75 samples.	Available • SARS-CoV genomic RNA as positive control.	47 min 15 sec of cycle time (plus probe) for each assay	(no info)
rRT-PCR	Charité Institute of Virology, Berlin, Germany ^{1,12}	17 Jan 2020	Primer and Probe First line screening assay: E gene assay Confirmatory assay: RdRp gene assay	<u>First line screening assay</u> Technical LOD: 5.2 RNA copies/reaction, at 95% hit rate 95% CI: 3.7-9.6 RNA copies/reaction. <u>Confirmatory assay</u> Technical LOD: 3.8 RNA copies/reaction, at 95% hit rate 95% CI: 2.7-7.6 RNA copies/reaction. (Preliminary experiment compared single probe assay for SARS-CoV with single probe assay for SARS-CoV-2.)	<u>Chemical stability</u> No positive signal detected for non-specific reactivity of oligonucleotides. <u>Cross-reactivity with other coronaviruses</u> No reactivity with any of three assays for five coronaviruses: (HCoV) -229E, -NL63, -OC43, -HKU1, and MERS-CoV <u>Tests of human clinical samples previously tested to contain respiratory viruses</u> All tests returned negative results for all 75 samples.	Available • SARS-CoV genomic RNA as positive control. • Synthetic control RNA for SARS-CoV-2 E gene assay is available via EVAg. • Synthetic control for SARS-CoV-2 RdRp is expected to be available via EVAg from Jan 21st onward.	47 min 15 sec of cycle time (plus probe) for each assay	(no info)
rRT-PCR	School of Public Health, The University	16 Jan 2020	Primer and Probe	<u>Positive control using SARS-CoV RNA</u> Wide dynamic range of 2 ⁻⁴ to 2000	<u>Exclusivity</u> Negative results against all of these preparations:	Available • Positive control (Available from HKU)	28 min 40 sec of cycle	(no info)

Molecular tests (rRT-PCR)								
Type	Organisation	Date	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
	of Hong Kong (HKU) ^{13,14}		Assay 1 (Target: ORF1b-nsp14 gene) Assay 2 (Target: N gene)	TCID ₅₀ /reaction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RNA extracted from cultured viruses • RNA from retrospective human clinical specimens previously tested positive for other infections • RNA from control human clinical specimens 	Primers and probes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HKU-ORF1b-nsp14F • HKU- ORF1b-nsp14R • HKU-ORF1b-nsp141P • HKU-NF • HKU-NR • HKU-NP 	time for each assay	
rRT-PCR	Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Beijing, China ⁹⁷	21 Jan 2020	Primer and Probe Target 1 (ORF1ab gene) Target 2 (N gene)	(no info)	(no info)	Available	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	Department of Medical Sciences, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand ⁹⁸	Jan 2020	With gel electrophoresis	(no info)	(no info)	Available Primers: • NbatCoV_F1 • NbatCoV_R1	107 min of cycle time	(no info)
RT-PCR	National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Japan ⁹⁹	23 Jan 2020	With gel electrophoresis (Nested RT-PCR) Primer and Probe (Real-time RT-PCR)	(no info)	(no info)	Available Primers and probes: • NIID_2019-nCoV_N_F2 • NIID_2019-nCoV_N_R2 • NIID_2019-nCoV_N_P2	81 min for Nested RT-PCR 95 min for Real-time RT-PCR	(no info)
rRT-PCR	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, USA ^{15,16}	24 Jan 2020	Primer and Probe 3 N gene targets 1 human RNase P gene control	(no info)	(no info)	Available Primers and probes: • 2019-nCoV_N1_F • 2019-nCoV_N1_R • 2019-nCoV_N1_P • 2019-nCoV_N2_F • 2019-nCoV_N2_R • 2019-nCoV_N2_P • 2019-nCoV_N3_F • 2019-nCoV_N3_R • 2019-nCoV_N3_P • RP_F • RP_R • RP_P	43 min 45 sec of cycle time for each assay	(no info)

Molecular tests (rRT-PCR)								
Type	Organisation	Date	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
rRT-PCR	Institut Pasteur, Paris, France ¹⁰	2 Mar 2020	Primer and Probe 2 RdRp gene targets with Charité's E gene target as confirmatory	100 or more copies of RNA genome equivalent per reaction always detected. Samples containing 10 copies of RNA genome could be detected with multiplex assay.	Cross-reactivity with other respiratory viruses was tested and were all negative in reactivity with the two RdRp gene targets.	Available Primers and probes: • nCoV_IP2-12669Fw • nCoV_IP2-12759Rv • nCoV_IP2-12696bProbe(+) • nCoV_IP4-14059Fw • nCoV_IP4-14146Rv • nCoV_IP4-14084Probe(+) • E_Sarbeco_F1 • E_Sarbeco_R2 • E_Sarbeco_P1	61 min of cycle time for each assay	(no info)

RT-PCR: reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction

rRT-PCR: real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction

LOD: limit of detection

ORF: open reading frame

E gene: envelope gene

RdRp: RNA-dependent RNA polymerase

N gene: nucleocapsid protein gene

RNase P gene: Ribonuclease P gene

Table 2.1 Upcoming/Available Diagnostics: Molecular tests

Molecular Tests								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
RT-PCR	Biopredictus Technologies ¹⁰⁰ China	14 Jan 2020	RT-PCR test kit	(no info)	(no info)	Available as scientific research product – does not require registration ¹⁰⁰	(no info)	(no info)
Genome sequencing	Oxford Nanopore ^{101,102} UK	22 Jan 2020	Works with public health labs globally to support rapid sequencing of SARS-CoV-2 through sharing of methods / workflows. Nanopore sequencing workflows can provide a consensus viral genome from sample within a day.	(no info)	(no info)	Available. 28 January: US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) releases nCoV genomes sequenced with nanopore sequencing 29 January: A paper in the Lancet characterised full-length genomes of 2019-nCoV patients using Nanopore sequencing, providing important information on possible virus origins and cell-binding receptors that is crucial for determining viral transmission capacity. 30 March: Singapore sequences its genome in less than 7 hours 14 April: In the UK, more than 600 genomes have been uploaded onto GISAID, using nanopore sequencing ¹⁰³ .	(no info)	(no info)
End-to-end solution of sample processing to	Oxford Nanopore ^{101,104} UK	22 Jan 2020	ARTIC project A 'lab-in-a-suitcase' solution for processing samples from	Not stated but described to have high sensitivity compared to	(no info)	Available 3 February: First Belgian nCoV sample	(no info)	(no info)

Molecular Tests								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
epidemiological info generation			<p>viral outbreaks, to generating real-time epidemiological information interpretable and actionable by public health bodies.</p> <p>Deployable to remote/resource-limited locations.</p> <p>Based on viral genome data generated prospectively during similar outbreaks (eg. MERS, SARS etc).</p> <p>Relies on direct amplification of the virus using tiled, multiplexed primers.</p>	metagenomic approaches. ¹⁰⁵		<p>arrives in a lab at 5pm and using the ARTIC protocol, the sequence is completed by 9am.</p> <p>3 March: The SARS-CoV2 virus from Scotland's first case is sequenced in under 24 hours using nanopore sequencing and the ARTIC protocol¹⁰³.</p>		
RT-PCR	Co-Diagnostics ¹⁰⁶⁻¹⁰⁸ USA	23 Jan 2020	Logix Smart Coronavirus COVID-19 test RT-PCR kit with lower false positive	100% (21/21) ¹⁰⁹	<p>No specific statistics but claims to have ability to reliably and accurately differentiate between similar genetic sequences, in order to reduce the likelihood of a false-positive diagnosis.</p> <p>Company shared that it achieves this by creating reactions that are far more specific than competing PCR technologies and 2.5 million times more effective in reducing amplification errors.^{106,110}</p> <p>100%¹⁰⁹</p>	<p>Commercially available for sale on 10 Feb 2020.¹⁰⁷</p> <p>Received CE Mark 24 Feb 2020.¹¹¹</p> <p>Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 3 Apr 2020.¹⁰⁸</p>	Within 2 hours ¹⁰⁹	(no info)
RT-PCR	Altona Diagnostics ¹¹² Germany	23 Jan 2020	Realstar SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR kit	Stated to be high, with no accompanying statistics. The kit did not show any unspecific E gene signals ¹¹³ .	No cross reactivity with 21 human pathogens ¹¹³	Available FDA EUA issued on 22/4/2020	2:15 hours ¹¹³	(no info)

Molecular Tests								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
Real Time RT-PCR	BGI ¹¹⁴⁻¹¹⁶ (Pathomics Health as distributor) China	23 Jan 2020	Real-Time Fluorescent RT-PCR Kit for Detecting SARS-2019-nCoV In vitro RT-PCR combining fluorescent probing. ¹¹⁷ Real-time RT-PCR assay for qualitative detection of SARS-CoV-2 in throat swabs and bronchoalveolar lavage fluid (BALF).	BALF: 81% Throat Swab: 91.2% RNA: 97.1% Combined: 88.1% ¹¹⁸	BALF: 100% Throat Swab: 100% RNA: 96.2% Combined: 99.6% ¹¹⁸	Commercially available. Received CE Mark for IVD 2 Mar 2020. ¹¹⁹ BGI is also engaged with relevant organizations in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Brunei, Thailand, Nigeria, South Africa, to supply the test kits. ¹¹⁴ Passed emergency approval procedure of China's NMPA. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 27 Mar 2020. ^{115,116} Approved for inclusion on Australia's ARTG on 10 April 2020.	3 hr	(no info)
Combination of RT-PCR and metagenomics detection	BGI ¹¹⁴ (Pathomics Health as distributor) ¹²⁰ China	23 Jan 2020	2019-nCoV PMseq Kit A metagenomics sequencing kit based on combinatorial Probe Anchor Synthesis. Faster SARS-CoV-2 virus detection, and able to detect both known and novel microorganisms, enabling monitoring of evolution during transmission.	(no info)	(no info)	Has been providing technical support for the scientific clinical prevention and control of the epidemic in Wuhan. Passed emergency approval procedure of China's NMPA.	SARS-CoV-2 detection stated to be faster than Fluorescent RT-PCR kit. For detection of unknown pathogens, Within 5 hours, 128 samples can be simultaneously screened and sequenced by SE50, and 128 samples can be simultaneously tested and sequenced by PE100 in 22 hours, as well as	(no info)

Molecular Tests								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
							possible mutation and evolution monitoring	
Microfluidic	Veredus Laboratories ¹²¹⁻¹²³ Singapore	24 Jan 2020	VereCoV Lab-on-Chip platform integrating PCR and microarray Claims to detect MERS-CoV, SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2 in a single test	Stated to be high but with no accompanying statistics. ¹²⁴	Stated to be high but with no accompanying statistics. ¹²⁴	Available for RUO since Jan 2020. Provisional approval for IVD by Singapore's HSA since Mar 2020. ¹²³ Used for testing of swab samples from Singapore's land, sea and air checkpoints since Mar 2020. ¹²⁵	2 hours ¹²⁶	(no info)
CRISPR-based diagnostics	Sherlock Biosciences ^{34,127-129} (Plus collaboration with Cepheid) ¹²⁹ USA	24 Jan 2020	SHERLOCK (Specific High-sensitivity Enzymatic Reporter unLOCKing) SHERLOCK platform uses various CRISPR proteins (Cas13, Cas12a, and Csm6) to allow for simultaneous detection of multiple nucleic acids. ¹²⁹	(no info)	(no info)	Protocol published 14 Feb 2020. ^{130,131}	(no info)	(no info)
Real-time RT-PCR	ScienCell Research Laboratories ¹³²⁻¹³⁴ USA	24 Jan 2020	ScienCell SARS-CoV-2 Coronavirus Real-time RT-PCR (RT-qPCR) Detection Kit Tests for two gene targets: N1 & N2	100% (30/30) 30 nasopharyngeal swabs spiked with SARS-CoV-2 RNA (not actual clinical sample) serving as contrived positive samples. ¹³³	100% (30/30) 30 nasopharyngeal swabs serving as negative controls. ¹³³	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 3 Apr 2020.	43 min 45 s cycle time for each gene	(by quote)
Microfluidic	Lexogene ¹³⁵ USA	27 Jan 2020	Genetic analyser using microfluidic technology	(no info)	(no info)	Expected to be commercially available in Q3 2020.	1 hr	(no info)
Real-time RT-PCR	Liferiver Biotech ^{136,137} China	29 Jan 2020	Fluorescent PCR ¹³⁷	(no info)	(no info)	Commercially available.	(no info)	€ 991 ¹³⁸
Real-time RT-PCR	Liferiver Biotech ^{136,139} China	29 Jan 2020	Multiplex RT-PCR ¹³⁹	(no info)	(no info)	Commercially available.	(no info)	€ 1347 ¹⁴⁰
Real-time RT-PCR	GenScript ^{136,141,142}	29 Jan 2020	qRT-PCR	"This assay is RUO and has not been tested on	"This assay may have cross-reactivity with	Commercially available for RUO.	(no info)	(by quote)

Molecular Tests								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
	USA		Targets RdRp gene, N gene and E gene in Wuhan-Hu-1 genome (GenBank sequences NC_045512.2) [same as Charite's first protocol]	clinical samples. We make no claims on the performance of this assay." ¹⁴¹	other coronavirus family members such as causative agents of the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) or Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)." ¹⁴¹			
NGS	IDbyDNA ^{143,144} USA	29 Jan 2020	Next-generation sequencing-based metagenomics, allows enhanced pathogen detection and profiling in comparison to conventional PCR testing. ¹⁴⁴	(no info)	(no info)	Commercially available.	(no info)	(by quote)
Real-time RT-RAA	Beijing Ditan Hospital ¹⁴⁵ China	29 Jan 2020	Real time Reverse-Transcription Recombinase Aided Amplification (RT-RAA) assay Novel isothermal nucleic acid amplification technique for detection of SARS-CoV-2. Assay was performed at 42°C within 30min using a portable real-time fluorescence detector,	(Recombinant plasmids containing conserved ORF1ab genes was used to analyse the specificity and sensitivity.)	(Recombinant plasmids containing conserved ORF1ab genes was used to analyse the specificity and sensitivity.)	Clinical trials phase.	(no info)	(no info)
CRISPR-based diagnostics	Mammoth Biosciences ³²⁻³⁵ (Partnering with UCSF Researchers) USA	30 Jan 2020	SARS-CoV-2 DNA Endonuclease-Targeted CRISPR Trans Reporter (DETECTR) Using the CRISPR Cas12 that cleaves a FAM-Biotin reporter molecule. Tests for two gene targets: E & N2.	95% (Using contrived reference samples and clinical samples from US patients, including 36 patients with COVID-19 infection and 42 patients with other viral respiratory infections) (Press release: ¹⁴⁶ Study: ³⁵	Specificity: 100% (Using contrived reference samples and clinical samples from US patients, including 36 patients with COVID-19 infection and 42 patients with other viral respiratory infections) (Press release: ¹⁴⁶ Study: ³⁵	Developed. Awaiting EUA from US FDA (pending clinical validation) (Press release: ¹⁴⁶ Study: ³⁵	45 minutes (with manual RNA extraction) (Press release: ¹⁴⁶ Study: ³⁵	(no info)
Real-time RT-PCR	CerTest Biotec ¹⁴⁷	30 Jan 2020	VIASURE 2019-nCoV Real Time PCR Kit	97.5% ¹⁴⁹	>99.9% ¹⁴⁹	Available.	120 minutes ¹⁴⁹	(no info)

Molecular Tests								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
	Spain		Amplification of a fragment of the S gene. ¹⁴⁸			Received CE Mark for IVD for the version adapted for the BD MAX™ System. ¹⁴⁸ Approved for inclusion on Australia's ARTG on 21 March 2020.		
PCR-based genotyping	Genomica ^{150,151} Spain	30 Jan 2020	CLART COVID-19 Based on Genomica's CLART technology of PCR-based genotyping with low-density microarray.	>96% ¹⁵²	98%	Available. Received CE Mark 6 Mar 2020. ¹⁵³	< 5 hr	(no info)
qPCR	Primerdesign ¹⁵⁴⁻¹⁵⁹ (molecular diagnostics division of Novacyt) France/UK	31 Jan 2020	Genesig Real-Time PCR COVID-19 (CE) <i>[Previously Coronavirus (Strain 2019-nCoV) Easy/Standard Kit]¹⁵⁵</i> Can run on multiple molecular testing platforms, including Primerdesign's own genesig® q16 and q32 instrument	96% ¹⁶⁰	100%	Commercially available. Received CE Mark for IVD 17 Feb 2020. ^{161,162} Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 20 Mar 2020. ¹⁵⁸	< 2 hr 64 min 30 s cycle time per gene ¹⁵⁹	(by quote)
RT-PCR	Roche ¹⁶³⁻¹⁶⁶ Switzerland	31 Jan 2020	Cobas SARS-CoV-2 Test Runs on the Cobas 6800/8800 systems. Tests for two gene targets: ORF1ab & E.	100% (50/50) 50 nasopharyngeal swab clinical samples spiked with cultured SARS-CoV-2 virus Low (1.5x LoD) and moderate (4x LoD) contrived positive samples ¹⁶⁶	100% (100/100) 100 nasopharyngeal swab clinical samples serve as negative controls. ¹⁶⁶	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 13 Mar 2020. ¹⁶⁵ CE Mark for IVD. Approved for inclusion on the Australia's ARTG on 20 March 2020. Date of HSA Provisional Authorisation: 19/03/2020 ¹⁶⁷	3 hr 30 min	(no info)
RT-PCR	A*STAR ^{4,168} (Manufactured by Singapore's MiRxes which has	1 Feb 2020	A*STAR Fortitude 2.0 Supports 188 tests per kit	100% ¹⁷⁰	100%	Available but not for commercial sale yet.	90 minutes	(no info)

Molecular Tests								
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	a nonexclusive license) ¹⁶⁹ Singapore					Provisional authorization for clinical use from Singapore's HSA. ^{4,169}		
Real-time RT-PCR	GeneFirst ¹⁷¹ UK	3 Feb 2020	Capable of detecting only the SARS-CoV-2	(no info)	(no info)	Available	< 3 hr	(no info)
Real-time RT-PCR	GeneFirst ¹⁷¹ UK	3 Feb 2020	Multiplex assay which simultaneously detects SARS-CoV-2 as well as 17 other common viruses and bacteria	(no info)	(no info)	Available.	< 3 hr	(no info)
(no info)	TCM Biosciences ¹⁷² South Korea	3 Feb 2020	TCM-Q Corona III	(no info)	(no info)	Developed as of 3 Feb 2020. Submitted to Korean CDC for EUA.	(no info)	(no info)
Real-time RT-PCR	Kogene Biotech ^{172,173} South Korea	3 Feb 2020	Powerchek 2019-nCoV Real-time PCR kit Tests for two gene targets: E and RdRp.	(no info)	(no info)	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from Korean CDC 4 Feb 2020. ^{173,174} Approved for inclusion on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods.	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	PCL ¹⁷² South Korea	3 Feb 2020	Multiplex diagnostic kit PCLMD-nCoV one step RT-PCR kit Organisation: PCL ¹⁷⁵ Qualitative detection of SARS-Co-V-2 by sputum samples	Sensitivity: 100% (35/35) ¹⁷⁵	(no info)	Developed as of 3 Feb 2020. CE approved ¹⁷⁵	1 hr 45 min	(no info)
(no info)	Bioneer ¹⁷² South Korea	3 Feb 2020	(no info)	(no info)	(no info)	Assumed developed as of 3 Feb 2020. Submitted to Korean CDC for EUA.	(no info)	(no info)
(no info)	Lab Geneomics ¹⁷² South Korea	3 Feb 2020	(no info)	(no info)	(no info)	Undergoing commercialisation as of 6 Feb 2020	(no info)	(no info)
(no info)	CEVI ¹⁷²	3 Feb 2020	(no info)	(no info)	(no info)	In development as of 6 Feb 2020	(no info)	(no info)

Molecular Tests								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
	(Partnership with Wells Bio) South Korea							
Enzyme-assisted nanocomplex	iHealthtech ^{122,176} (Asst Prof Shao Huilin) Singapore	3 Feb 2020	enVision (enzyme-assisted nanocomplexes for visual identification of nucleic acids) Uses enzyme-assisted nanocomplexes	(no info)	(no info)	In development.	30 min	(no info)
RT-PCR	Biomeme ^{177,178} USA	4 Feb 2020	Shelf-stable strip with 3 reaction wells, each reaction contains lyophilized master mix, multiplexed primers, and probes for the following triplex: - 2019-nCoV-Orf1ab - 2019-nCoV-S - MS2 bacteriophage as an RNA extraction and RT-PCR control	(no info)	(no info)	Commercially available.	(no info)	\$300 for 10 strips + \$5,950 for PCR Thermocycler + \$450 for sample prep kit
Conventional and Real Time RT-PCR	Genekam ^{179,180} Germany	4 Feb 2020	5 options: 1. Conventional PCR 2. Real Time PCR for nCoV only ¹⁸¹ 3. Multiplex Real Time PCR for nCoV + other Bat CoV ¹⁸² 4. Multiplex Real Time PCR for nCoV + other Bat CoV + MERS ¹⁸³ 5. Multiplex Real Time PCR for nCoV + Influenza A ¹⁸⁴	(no info)	(no info)	In development as of 6 Feb 2020	126 min 15 s ^{181,183} or 120 min ^{182,184} of cycle time	€ 599 ¹⁸⁰ € 699 ¹⁸⁰ € 799 ¹⁸⁰ € 999 ¹⁸⁰ € 899 ¹⁸⁰
Real-time RT-PCR	Thermo Fisher Scientific ^{177,185-187} USA	4 Feb 2020	TaqPath COVID-19 Combo Kit (previously TaqMan 2019-nCoV Assay Kit) Real-time RT-PCR kit assays specifically target all 44 complete genomes currently available at GISAID, and do not target any of the 2,116 complete genomes of other coronaviruses currently available at NCBI.	100% (60/60) 30 nasopharyngeal swab specimens and 30 bronchoalveolar lavage specimens were spiked with extracted SARS-CoV-2 viral genomic RNA (2x to 5x LoD) to form 60 contrived positive samples. ¹⁸⁷	100% (60/60) 30 nasopharyngeal swab specimens and 30 bronchoalveolar lavage specimens were used as negative controls. ¹⁸⁷	Commercially available. Received CE Mark for IVD 26 Mar 2020. ¹⁸⁸ Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 13 Mar 2020. ¹⁸⁶ Obtained HSA provisional approval on 20 March 2020. Approved for inclusion	36 min cycle time per gene target	(by quote)

Molecular Tests								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
			Tests for three gene targets: ORF1ab, N, & S.			on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 24 March 2020.		
Real-time RT-PCR	US CDC ^{17,189,190} USA	4 Feb 2020	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Real-Time Reverse Transcriptase (RT)-PCR Diagnostic Panel Tests for three gene targets: N1, N2, and N3 (subsequently removed ¹⁹⁰) plus 1 human RNase P gene control.	100% (13/13) 117 respiratory specimens collected from 46 subjects tested with two analytically validated real-time RT-PCR assays for N4 and N5 gene targets. ¹⁸⁹	100% (104/104) 117 respiratory specimens collected from 46 subjects tested with two analytically validated real-time RT-PCR assays for N4 and N5 gene targets. ¹⁸⁹	Available to laboratories designated by CDC as qualified, and in the US, certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) to perform high complexity tests. Available to qualified international laboratories. Not available to U.S. hospitals or other primary care settings. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 4 Feb 2020.	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	Livzon ¹⁹¹	4 Feb 2020	Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) nucleic acid diagnostic kit (PCR-fluorescence method) Detection of ORF1ab and N genes.	(no info)	(no info)	Developed. Undergoing testing. Emergency use approval submitted to China's NMPA on 27 Jan 2020	30 minutes ¹⁹²	(no info)
qPCR	Coyote Bioscience ^{128,177} China	4 Feb 2020	2019-nCoV Prep Free QPCR Assay Runs on the Mini8 Portable Molecular Diagnostic QPCR Station (CFDA approved)	(no info)	(no info)	Available. Reportedly being used in China in over 30 hospitals, 16 local CDC offices, and 8 airports.	1 hr	(no info)
Microfluidic	Shenzhen Shineway Technology ^{193,194} (collaboration with HKUST) Hong Kong	6 Feb 2020	Novel silicon-based micro-heater, which has lower thermal mass and a better thermal conductivity, could speed up temperature rises to around 30°C per second, greatly reducing the detection time compared to conventional PCR devices which has an average of 4-5°C per second.	(no info)	(no info)	Available. In use by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP) in Shenzhen and Guangzhou with two more sets being delivered to the CDCP in Hubei and Nansha. ¹⁹⁴	40 min	(no info)

Molecular Tests								
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						Device already has CE Mark and is qualified for export to all European Union (EU) countries as well as Hong Kong. ¹⁹³		
RT-PCR	Acumen Research Laboratories ¹⁹⁵ Singapore	7 Feb 2020	Acu-Corona™ 2.0/3.0 With specific gene targets.	(no info)	(no info)	Prototype developed. Acu-Corona 2.0 obtained Provisional Authorisation from Singapore Health Sciences Authority on 31 March 2020. Acu-Corona 3.0 obtained Provisional Authorisation from HSA on 14 April 2020. (HSA authorisation for Acu-Corona 2.0: ¹⁹⁶ HSA authorisation for Acu-Corona 3.0: ¹⁹⁷ Currently CE-IVD pending and approved for research only, seeking approval from US Food and Drug Authorisation	Allows up to 94 patient samples per 1.5h	(no info)
Microfluidic	QIAGEN ¹⁹⁸⁻²⁰⁰ The Netherlands	10 Feb 2020	QIAStat-Dx Respiratory SARS-CoV-2 Panel [Plus] Tests for two gene targets: ORF1b recommended by the Chinese CDC and N recommended by the US CDC.	100% (30/30) Evaluated using 10 positive clinical samples and 20 low positive contrived samples (1x–2x LOD) from retrospective nasopharyngeal swab clinical specimens in transport medium. ²⁰⁰	100% (30/30) Evaluated using 30 negative samples from retrospective nasopharyngeal swab clinical specimens in transport medium. ²⁰⁰	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 30 Mar 2020. ¹⁹⁹	About an hour (Press release: ²⁰¹)	(by quote)
(no info)	Public Health England ²⁰² UK	10 Feb 2020	Real time RT-PCR (RdRp gene) assay which employs the use of two probes; one which detects 2019-nCoV, SARS-CoV and bat-SARS-related-CoVs, and the other	(no info)	(no info)	Available (non-commercially) to 9 labs across the UK.	(no info)	(no info)

Molecular Tests								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
			2019-nCoV only. The assay will be evaluated on the ABI 7500 Fast real-time PCR system. ²⁰³					
RT-PCR [Point-of-Care]	Cepheid ^{27,204,205} (Plus collaboration with Sherlock Biosciences) ¹²⁹ USA	10 Feb 2020	SAR-CoV-2 Xpert Xpress Cartridge-based nucleic acid amplification test. Tests for two gene targets: N2 & E.	100% (30/30) 30 nasopharyngeal swab specimens were spiked with SARS-CoV- (2x to 5x LoD) serving as contrived positive samples. ²⁰⁵	100% (35/35) 35 nasopharyngeal swab specimens serving as negative controls. ²⁰⁵	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 21 Mar 2020. ²⁷ Approved for inclusion on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 22 March 2020. ²⁰⁶	45 min	(no info)
Real-time PCR and microarray technologies [Point-of-Care]	Mobidiag ²⁰⁷ (collaboration with Autobio Diagnostics, China) Finland	10 Feb 2020	Novodiag Cartridge-based qPCR system, fully automated, allowing the rapid detection of both novel coronavirus and influenzas in around 30 minutes. Two gene targets for SARS-CoV-2 (orf1ab and N) ²⁰⁸	(no info)	(no info)	In development.	Less than an hour	(no info)
Immunoassay [Point-of-Care]	Sona Nanotech ²⁰⁹ (collaboration with GE Healthcare Life Sciences, The Native Antigen Company, Bond) ²¹⁰ ²¹¹ Canada	10 Feb 2020	Proprietary nanotechnology lateral flow test using antigens specific to SARS-CoV-2 produced at Native's Oxford facility using proprietary mammalian VirtuE expression system.	(no info)	(no info)	In development.	5-15 min	<\$50
LAMP [Point-of-Care]	HiberGene Diagnostics ^{212,213} (collaboration with distribution partner in Shenzhen, China, Medcaptain Medical Technologies) Ireland	11 Feb 2020	Loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP)-based Coronavirus test Allows for rapid near-patient testing	(no info)	(no info)	In development using the template of existing CE-marked Flu and RSV respiratory tests.	60-70 min (including patient sample preparation time) ²¹³	(no info)

Molecular Tests								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
(no info)	QuantuMDx ¹²⁸	12 Feb 2020	(no info)	(no info)	(no info)	(no info)	(no info)	(no info)
[Point-of-Care]	UK							
qPCR	Molbio Diagnostics ¹²⁸	12 Feb 2020	qPCR Truenat Beta CoV ²¹⁴ Potentially real-time PCR then detection of wavelengths of fluorescent signal.	100% ²¹⁵	100% ²¹⁵	Available. Approved by the Indian Council of Medical Research for coronavirus testing in India on 4 April 2020. ²¹⁶	55 min	Rs 1,000 – Rs 1,500) ²¹⁶
[Point-of-Care]	India							
qPCR	OnSiteGene ¹²⁸ (San Diego-based subsidiary of Singapore's Star Array)	12 Feb 2020	Star Array 2019 Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) Nucleic Acid Detection Kit 1.0 2019-nCoV rRT-PCR kit for use on existing Peak V, that performs spatial thermal cycling using a heated liquid metal for direct amplification without the need for sample prep. Genes detected are the SARS-CoV-2 N gene and ORF1ab gene. ²¹⁷	(no info)	(no info)	Developed. Currently seeking collaborators to perform clinical tests in China and the US. ²¹⁷	10 min	(no info)
[Point-of-Care]	USA							
RT-PCR	TIB-Molbio ^{164,218} (distributed by Roche)	12 Feb 2020	2019-nCoV Real-Time Reverse Transcription PCR Kit Tests for three gene targets: E, RdRp, and N.	(no info)	(no info)	Available. Orders for the kit have been placed from World Health Organisation, national health authorities and laboratories in about 60 countries. ²¹⁸	(no info)	About €160 ²¹⁸
	Germany							
RT-PCR	AusDiagnostics ²¹⁹⁻²²¹	16 Feb 2020	AusDiagnostics respiratory virus panel (including SARS-CoV-2) test Multiplex panel. Tests for two gene targets: ORF1a & ORF8	100% ²²¹	100% ²²¹	Commercially available. Received CE Mark Mar 2020. ²²¹ Approved for inclusion in Australia's ARTG. ⁷⁹	3 hr ²²⁰	(no info)
	Australia							
RT-PCR	Seegene ^{222,223}	18 Feb 2020	Allplex 2019-nCoV Assay	100% (49/49) from upper respiratory specimens	94% (94/100) from upper respiratory specimens	Commercially available.	1 hour 50 minutes after extraction ²²⁴	(no info)
	South Korea							

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			Single-tube assay that tests for three gene targets: E, RdRp, and N.	(nasopharyngeal/ oropharyngeal swabs) 100% (49/49) from lower respiratory specimens (sputum) ²²⁴	(nasopharyngeal/ oropharyngeal swabs) 97.87% (92/94) from lower respiratory specimens (sputum) ²²⁴	Obtained EUA approval from Korean FDA 12 Feb 2020. ^{173,225} Product already has CE Mark for IVD. Obtained HSA provisional approval on 2 April 2020, supplied through All Eights (Singapore) Pte Ltd. ²²⁶ Approved for inclusion on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 27 March 2020 ²⁰⁶ FDA EUA issued 21/04/2020		
RT-PCR [Point-of-Care]	Credo Diagnostics Biomedical ^{227,228} Singapore	21 Feb 2020	VitaPCR SARS-CoV-2 Assay Runs on Credo's VitaPCR automated point-of-care molecular testing platform.	(no info)	(no info)	Commercially available. Received CE Mark 17 Mar 2020. Submitted to US FDA for EUA approval. Has provisional authorisation from Singapore's HSA.	20 min	(no info)
0(RT-PCR)	CapitalBio ⁴³ (collaboration with Tsinghua University and West China Hospital of Sichuan University) China	24 Feb 2020	Detection of six common respiratory viruses including SARS-CoV-2 within 1.5 hours using samples of patients' oral and pharyngeal Secretions.	(no info)	(no info)	Available. Approved by China's NMPA.	1 hr 30 min	(no info)

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Real-time RT-PCR	SolGent ^{173,225,229} South Korea	28 Feb 2020	DiaPlexQ™ Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Detection Kit Tests for two gene targets: Orf1a and N.	(no info)	(no info)	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from Korean CDC 27 Feb 2020. ^{173,225} Received CE Mark for IVD.	2 hr PCR	(no info)
Real-time RT-PCR	SD Biosensor ^{173,225} South Korea	28 Feb 2020	STANDARD M n-CoV Real-Time Detection Kit Tests for two gene targets: E and RdRp.	Sensitivity: 100% (30/30) ²³⁰	Specificity: 100% (30/30) ²³⁰	Available. Obtained EUA approval from Korean CDC 27 Feb 2020. ^{173,225} FDA EUA issued on 23/04/2020	90 min ²³¹	(no info)
RT-PCR	Osang Healthcare ^{232,233} (partnership with Italy's ELITech Group) South Korea	3 Mar 2020	GeneFinder COVID-19 Plus RealAmp Kit Tests for three gene targets: RdRp, E, and N. Runs on all major PCR cyclers as well as on the Sample-to-Result Platform ELITE InGenius.	100% for both upper and lower respiratory tract samples Evaluated using 30 nasopharyngeal swabs (upper respiratory tract) and sputum (lower respiratory tract) specimens spiked with SARS-CoV-2 virus (1x to 4x LoD) serving as contrived positive samples ²³⁴	100% for both upper and lower respiratory tract samples Evaluated using 30 nasopharyngeal swabs and sputum specimens serving as negative controls ²³⁴	Available. Received CE Mark for IVD. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA on 18 April 2020. ²³⁴	About 120 minutes ²³⁴	(no info)
Real-time RT-PCR	Integrated DNA Technologies (IDT) ^{24,174} USA	3 Mar 2020	2019-nCoV CDC EUA Kit Follows US CDC protocol to test for 3 N gene targets, and 1 human RNase P gene as control.	(no info)	(no info)	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 3 Mar 2020 for lot number #0000500383.	(no info)	USD \$125 ²⁴ for 500 rxn
RT-PCR [Point-of-Care]	Mesa Biotech ^{28,30,235-237} USA	4 Mar 2020	Accula SARS-Cov-2 Test Automated PCR test for the qualitative visual detection of nucleic acid from the SARS-CoV-2 virus that runs on the Accula system machines.	100% (30/30) 30 nasopharyngeal swabs spiked with SARS-CoV-2 RNA (2x to 50x LoD) serving as	100% (30/30) 30 nasopharyngeal swabs serving as negative controls. ²³⁷	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 23 Mar 2020.	30 min	(no info)

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				contrived positive samples. ²³⁷				
RT-PCR	Luminex ²³⁸⁻²⁴⁰ USA	4 Mar 2020	NxTag CoV Extended Panel Multiplex panel that can be run on Luminex's MAGPIX System together with optional NxTag Respiratory Pathogen Panel. Tests for three gene targets: ORF1ab, E, & N	100% (30/30) 30 nasopharyngeal swabs spiked with purified SARS-CoV-2 viral genomic RNA (2x to 5x LoD) serving as contrived positive samples.	100% (30/30) 30 nasopharyngeal swabs serving as negative controls.	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 27 Mar 2020.	4 hr (2 hr 15 min to 2 hr 25 min cycle time)	(no info)
Real-time RT-PCR	Luminex ²³⁹⁻²⁴² USA	4 Mar 2020	ARIES SARS-CoV-2 Assay Tests for two gene targets: ORF1ab & N	100% (30/30) 30 nasopharyngeal swabs spiked with purified SARS-CoV-2 viral genomic RNA (2x to 5x LoD) serving as contrived positive samples. ²⁴²	100% (30/30) 30 nasopharyngeal swabs serving as negative controls. ²⁴²	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 3 Apr 2020.	2 hr	(no info)
Real-time RT-PCR	Genomica ^{153,243} Spain	6 Mar 2020	qCOVID-19 Real-time RT-PCR	Reported 100% . ²⁴³ Tested at the Carlos III Health Institute with 80 samples (unclear of sample types).	Reported 100% . ²⁴³ Tested at the Carlos III Health Institute with 80 samples (unclear of sample types).	Available. Received CE Mark 6 Mar 2020. ¹⁵³	(no info)	(no info)
Real-time RT-PCR	Avellino Lab ²⁴⁴⁻²⁴⁶ USA	9 Mar 2020	AvellinoCoV2 test Tests for two gene targets from US CDC protocol: N1 & N3	100% (30/30) 30 oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal swab specimens spiked with whole SARS-CoV-2 viral RNA (1x to 100x LoD) serving as contrived positive samples. ²⁴⁶	100% (30/30) 30 oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal swab specimens serving as negative controls. ²⁴⁶	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 25 Mar 2020. ²⁴⁴		(no info)
Real-time RT-PCR	Wadsworth Center, New York State Department of Public Health ^{247,248} USA	10 Mar 2020	New York SARS-CoV-2 Real-time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel Tests for two gene targets: N1 & N2.	(42/43) For the easyMAG extraction, 43 individual sputum samples were spiked with the extracted whole SARS-CoV-2 virus genomic RNA (2x to 200x LoD) to serve as contrived positive samples. Testing was	(29/29) For the easyMAG extraction, 30 individual sputum samples were used but 1 was invalidated, leaving 29 samples. Testing was also done with eMAG and EZ1 extraction. ²⁴⁸	Available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA for use in Wadsworth Center, New York State Public Department of Health, and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene,	42 min 45 s cycle time per gene target	(no info)

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RT-PCR	LGC Biosearch Technologies ^{25,249}	10 Mar 2020	2019-nCoV CDC Probe and Primer Kits for SARS-CoV-2 Lot numbers #143503 and #143764	also done with eMAG and EZ1 extraction. ²⁴⁸ (no info)	(no info)	Public Health Laboratories. Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 10 Mar 2020 for lot number #143503 and #143764.	(no info)	USD \$230 for 1000 rxn ²⁴⁹
Microfluidic	GenMark Diagnostics ^{159,250,251} USA	11 Mar 2020	ePlex SARS-CoV-2 Automated single cartridge using digital microfluidics.	100% (17/17) 65 fresh nasopharyngeal swab specimens from 3 clinical site2s were compared with one of two brands of established comparator assay. ¹⁵⁹	97.9% (47/48) 65 fresh nasopharyngeal swab specimens from 3 clinical site2s were compared with one of two brands of established comparator assay. ¹⁵⁹	Commercially available. Obtained EUA Approval 19 Mar 2020. ²⁵¹	Less than 2 hours ²⁵²	(no info)
RT-PCR	Fulgent Genetics ²⁵³ USA	11 Mar 2020	COVID-19 Virus Testing by RT-PCR	Reported 95% sensitivity.	(no info)	Submitted to US FDA for EUA Approval. Commercially Available ²⁵⁴	(no info)	(no info)
NGS	Fulgent Genetics ²⁵³ USA	11 Mar 2020	Kiloplex PCR Plus NGS Next-generation sequencing using thousands of PCR primers to amplify sample viral genetic material before sequencing on the Illumina platform.	Undergoing validation by joint venture Fujian Fujun Gene Biotech.	Undergoing validation by joint venture Fujian Fujun Gene Biotech.	Available. Soon to be submitted to US FDA for EUA Approval.	4 hr	(by quote)
RT-PCR	bioMérieux ²⁵⁵⁻²⁵⁷ (subsidiary BioFire Defense) France	11 Mar 2020	BioFire COVID-19 test Fully automated and designed to run on FILMARRAY® 2.0 and FILMARRAY® TORCH platforms. Tests for two gene targets: ORF1ab & ORF8	100% (30/30) 30 nasopharyngeal swab specimens were spiked with live SARS-CoV-2 virus (1x to 100x LoD) serving as contrived positive samples. ²⁵⁸	100% (66/66) 66 clinical nasopharyngeal swab specimens serving as negative controls. ²⁵⁸	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 24 Mar 2020. ²⁵⁷	45 min	(no info)
Real-time RT-PCR	NeuMoDx ²⁵⁹⁻²⁶¹	12 Mar 2020	NeuMoDx™ SARS-CoV-2 Assay Real-time RT-PCR for use on fully automated NeuMoDx™ 288 and 96 Molecular Systems.	100% (87/87) 87 clinical nasopharyngeal swab specimens were spiked with SARS-CoV-2	100% (82/82) 82 clinical nasopharyngeal swab specimens serving as negative controls. ²⁶¹	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 30 Mar 2020. ²⁵⁹	80 min	(no info)

Molecular Tests								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
			Tests for two gene targets: Nsp2 & N.	genomic RNA (1x to 8x LoD) serving as contrived positive samples. ²⁶¹				
Microfluidic	Fluidigm ²⁶² USA	16 Mar 2020	Aimed at using Fluidigm's Biomark HD system and microfluidics technology, to develop integrated fluidic circuits for parallel assays.	(no info)	(no info)	In development.	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	Hologic ²⁶³⁻²⁶⁵ USA	16 Mar 2020	Panther Fusion SARS-CoV-2 Assay Test for two conserved regions of the ORF1ab gene	100% (69/69) 69 remnant clinical nasopharyngeal specimens were spiked with inactivated cultured SARS-CoV-2 virus (1x to 5x LoD) serving as contrived positive samples. ²⁶⁵	100 (109/109) 109 remnant clinical nasopharyngeal specimens serving as negative controls. ²⁶⁵	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 16 Mar 2020. Approved for inclusion into the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 20 March 2020. ⁷⁹	Can generate results in 3 hours ²⁶⁶	(no info)
RT-PCR	LabCorp (Laboratory Corporation of America) ^{264,267} USA	16 Mar 2020	COVID-19 RT-PCR Test Test for three gene targets: N1, N2, & N3	100% (80/80) 40 nasopharyngeal swab specimens and 40 bronchoalveolar lavage specimens were spiked with quantitated live SARS-CoV-2 (1x to 8x LoD) to form 80 contrived positive samples. ²⁶⁷	100% (100/100) 50 nasopharyngeal swab specimens and 50 bronchoalveolar lavage specimens serving as negative controls. ²⁶⁷	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 16 Mar 2020.	Approximately 2-4 days from the date of pickup of a specimen for testing to the release of the test result to the health care provider ²⁶⁸	(no info)
RT-PCR	Quidel ^{269,270} USA	17 Mar 2020	Lyra SARS-CoV-2 Assay Identification of the SARS-CoV-2 virus occurs by the use of target specific primers and fluorescent-labeled 102 probes that hybridize to a conserved region of the non-structural Polyprotein (pp1ab) of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. ²⁷¹	100% (92/92) 92 nasopharyngeal swab specimens were spiked with SARS-CoV-2 RNA (1x to 5x LoD) serving as contrived positive samples. ²⁷⁰	(100% (92/92)) 92 nasopharyngeal swab specimens serving as negative controls. ²⁷⁰	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 17 Mar 2020.	45 min cycle time per gene	(no info)
RT-PCR	Quest Diagnostics ^{272,273} USA	17 Mar 2020	Quest SARS-CoV-2 rRT-PCR Tests on two gene targets: N1 & N3	100% (30/30) 12 pairs of nasopharyngeal swab	100% (72/72) 72 presumed-negative nasopharyngeal/throat	Commercially available.	58 min 40 s cycle time per gene	(no info)

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				and sputum specimens from actual COVID-19 patient formed 24 samples, together with 6 additional randomly selected to be duplicated, serving as total 30 positive samples. ²⁷³	swab specimens from before Oct 2019 servings as negative controls. ²⁷³	Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 17 Mar 2020.		
Real-time RT-PCR	Becton Dickinson (BD) ²⁷⁴⁻²⁷⁶ USA	17 Mar 2020	BioGX SARS-CoV-2 Reagents for BD MAX System Tests for two gene targets: N1 & N2	100% (29/29) 30 retrospective collected clinical nasopharyngeal swab specimens spiked with quantified genomic RNA of SARS-CoV-2 (1x to 5x LoD) serving as contrived positive samples. 1 sample removed from data analysis. ²⁷⁴	100% (30/30) 30 retrospective collected clinical nasopharyngeal swab specimens serving as negative controls. ²⁷⁴	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 2 Apr 2020. Approved for inclusion on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 17 April 2020. ⁷⁹	2 hr	(no info)
RT-PCR	Abbott Molecular ^{27,277,278} USA	18 Mar 2020	Abbott RealTime SARS-CoV-2 assay Will run on the Abbott m2000 RealTime system. Tests for two gene targets: RdRp & N.	100% (60/60) 61 nasopharyngeal swabs spiked with recombinant virus containing SARS-CoV-2 RNA sequences (1x to 20x LoD) serving as contrived positive samples. 1 sample was invalidated and excluded. ²⁷⁸	100% (31/31) 34 nasopharyngeal swabs serving as negative controls. 3 samples were invalidated and excluded. ²⁷⁸	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 18 Mar 2020. Approved for inclusion on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 17 April 2020. ²⁰⁶ Date of HAS Provisional Authorisation: 01/04/2020 ²⁷⁹	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	DiaSorin Molecular ²⁸⁰⁻²⁸² Italy	19 Mar 2020	Simplexa COVID-19 Direct Will run on the DiaSorin's LIAISON MDX thermocycler. Tests for two gene targets: S & ORF1ab.	100% (52/52) 108 fresh nasopharyngeal swab specimens from 3 clinical sites were	100% (56/56) 108 fresh nasopharyngeal swab specimens from 3 clinical sites were	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 19 Mar 2020.	(no info)	(no info)

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				compared with one of two brands of established comparator assay. ²⁸²	compared with one of two brands of established comparator assay. ²⁸²			
ddPCR	Bio-Rad Laboratories ²⁸³⁻²⁸⁵ USA	19 Mar 2020	COVID-19 Droplet Digital PCR (ddPCR) Assay Quantitative assay for use on Bio-Rad's QX200 and QXDx Droplet Digital PCR Systems.	Reported enhanced sensitivity. ²⁸⁴	(no info)	Commercially available. EUA Submission Pending ²⁸⁶	(no info)	(by quote)
Real-time RT-PCR	Maccura Biotechnology ^{244,287,288} China	22 Mar 2020	SARS-CoV-2 Fluorescent PCR Kit Tests for three gene targets: ORF1ab, N, & E.	100% (30/30) 15 nasopharyngeal and 15 oropharyngeal swab samples from suspected cases that tested negative had additional aliquot spiked with SARS-CoV-2 whole genomic RNA (2x to 5x LoD) serving as 30 contrived positive samples. ²⁸⁸	100% (30/30) 15 nasopharyngeal and 15 oropharyngeal swab samples from suspected cases that tested negative had additional aliquot serving as 30 negative controls. ²⁸⁸	Commercially available. Received CE Mark in Mar 2020. ²⁸⁷ Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 15 Apr 2020.	37 min 10 s cycle time per gene target	(no info)
RT-PCR	DiaCarta ^{289,290} USA	23 Mar 2020	QuantiVirus SARS-CoV-2 Tests for two gene targets: N, ORF1ab, & E	96.7% Clinically validated in the company's CLIA-certified lab in Richmond, California.	100% Clinically validated in the company's CLIA-certified lab in Richmond, California.	Commercially available. Received CE Mark for IVD Mar 2020. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 8 Apr 2020. ²⁴⁷	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	PerkinElmer ^{28,291,292} USA	24 Mar 2020	PerkinElmer New Coronavirus Nucleic Acid Detection Kit Tests for two gene targets: N & ORF1ab.	100% (47/47) 47 oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal swab specimens spiked with inactivated SARS-CoV-2 virus (1x to 5x LoD) serving as contrived positive samples. ²⁹²	100% (94/94) 94 oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal swab specimens serving as negative controls. ²⁹²	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 24 Mar 2020. EUA amendment on April 1st to add an additional nucleic acid extraction method which utilizes the chemagic Viral DNA/RNA 300 Kit H96	104 min 30s cycle time per gene target.	(no info)

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						on a new extraction platform, the chemagic 360 equipped with the chemagic Rod Head Set 96; and (2) make other minor changes and edits to the IFU labeling was granted on 01/04/2020 ²⁹³		
Microfluidics [Point-of-Care]	Abbott Diagnostics ^{29,294} USA	27 Mar 2020	ID Now COVID-19 test Automated assay that runs on Abbott's ID Now platform.	(no info)	(no info)	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 27 Mar 2020.	5-13 min (5 min for positive results, 13 min for negative results)	(no info)
Real-time RT-PCR	Ipsium Diagnostics ^{295,296}	1 Apr 2020	COV-19 IDx assay N1 gene target	100% (36/36) 36 nasopharyngeal swabs spiked with BEI ATCC Genomic RNA from SARS Related Coronavirus 2 (not actual clinical sample) serving as contrived positive samples. ²⁹⁶	100% (30/30) 30 nasopharyngeal swabs serving as negative controls. ²⁹⁶	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 1 Apr 2020.	(no info)	(no info)
Real-time RT-PCR	Gnomegen ^{297,298} (Subsidiary of QuestGenomics) USA (China)	6 Apr 2020	Gnomegen COVID-19 RT-Digital PCR Detection Kit Tests for two gene targets: N1 & N2	100% (30/30) 30 oropharyngeal swabs spiked with quantified SARS-CoV-2 whole viral RNA (1x to 5x LoD) serving as contrived positive samples. ²⁹⁸	100% (30/30) 30 oropharyngeal swabs serving as negative controls. ²⁹⁸	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 6 Apr 2020.	129 min 30 s cycle time	(no info)
Real-time RT-PCR	InBios International ^{190,299,300} USA	7 Apr 2020	Smart Detect SARS-CoV-2 rRT-PCR Kit multiplex one-step rRT-PCR that can run on CFX96 Touch Real-Time PCR. Tests for three gene targets: N, E, & ORF1b	100% (30/30) 30 nasopharyngeal swabs spiked with SARS-CoV-2 viral genomic RNA (1x to 5x LoD) serving as contrived positive samples. ²⁹⁹	96.7% (29/30) 30 nasopharyngeal swabs serving as negative controls. ²⁹⁹	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 7 Apr 2020.	4 hr ³⁰⁰ (43 min 45 s cycle time for each gene) ²⁹⁹	(no info)
RT-PCR	Genetron Health ³⁰¹ China	7 Apr 2020	Detection Kit for Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) RNA	(no info)	(no info)	Commercially available.	(no info)	(no info)

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						Received CE Mark 7 Apr 2020. Submitted to US FDA for EUA approval.		
Real-time RT-PCR	Becton Dickinson (BD) ^{302,303} USA	8 Apr 2020	BD SARS-CoV-2 Reagents for BD MAX System Tests for two gene targets: N1 & N2	96% (48/50) 50 retrospective collected clinical nasopharyngeal swabs spiked with quantified genomic RNA of SARS-CoV-2 (1x to 5x LoD) serving as contrived positive samples. ³⁰³	100% (29/29) 29 retrospective collected clinical nasopharyngeal swab specimens serving as negative controls. ³⁰³	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 8 Apr 2020.	(no info)	(no info)
LAMP	Atila BioSystems ^{264,304,305} USA	10 Apr 2020	iAMP COVID-19 Detection Kit Real-time fluorescent reverse transcription isothermal amplification without requiring RNA extraction and can run up to 94 samples simultaneously. ^{304,305} Tests for two gene targets: N & ORF1ab.	100% (35/35) 35 oropharyngeal swabs from healthy individuals spiked with iAMP COVID-19 Sample Buffer Mix (2x to 10x LoD) serving as contrived positive samples. ³⁰⁴	100% (40/40) 40 oropharyngeal swabs from healthy individuals serving as negative controls. ³⁰⁴	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 10 Apr 2020.	51 min	(by quote)
RT-PCR Kit	Genosensor, LLC ³⁰⁶		GS COVID-19 RT-PCR Kit Real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction test intended for the qualitative detection of nucleic acid from the SARS-CoV-2 in nasopharyngeal/oropharyngeal swabs, nasal swabs, mid-turbinate swabs from individuals suspected of COVID-19. Positive results are indicative of the presence of SARS-CoV-2 RNA.	100% (32/32)	100% (32/32)	Available. EUA issued on 16th April 2020.	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR Kit	KorvaLabs Inc. ³⁰⁷		Curative-Korva SARS-CoV-2 Assay	100% (5/5)	100% (5/5)	Available. EUA issued on 16th April 2020.	(no info)	(no info)

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			Real-time RT-PCR test intended for the qualitative detection of nucleic acid from the SARS-CoV-2 in oropharyngeal (throat) swab, nasopharyngeal swab, nasal swab, and oral fluid specimens from individuals suspected of COVID-19. Results are for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA. The SARS-CoV-2 RNA is generally detectable in respiratory specimens during the acute phase of infection. Positive results are indicative of the presence of SARS-CoV-2 RNA.					
RT-PCR Kit	Genosensor, LLC 306		GS COVID-19 RT-PCR Kit Real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction test intended for the qualitative detection of nucleic acid from the SARS-CoV-2 in nasopharyngeal/oropharyngeal swabs, nasal swabs, mid-turbinate swabs from individuals suspected of COVID-19. Positive results are indicative of the presence of SARS-CoV-2 RNA.	100% (32/32)	100% (32/32)	Available. EUA issued on 16th April 2020.	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR Kit	KorvaLabs Inc. 307		Curative-Korva SARS-CoV-2 Assay Real-time RT-PCR test intended for the qualitative detection of nucleic acid from the SARS-CoV-2 in oropharyngeal (throat) swab, nasopharyngeal swab, nasal swab, and oral fluid specimens from individuals suspected of COVID-19. Results are for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA. The SARS-CoV-2 RNA is generally detectable in	100% (5/5)	100% (5/5)	Available. EUA issued on 16th April 2020.	(no info)	(no info)

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			respiratory specimens during the acute phase of infection. Positive results are indicative of the presence of SARS-CoV-2 RNA.					
RT-PCR Kit	Fosun Pharma USA Inc. ³⁰⁸		<p>COVID-19 RT-PCR Detection Kit</p> <p>Real-time RT-PCR test intended for the qualitative detection of nucleic acid from the SARS-CoV-2 in upper and lower respiratory specimens (such as anterior nasal swabs, mid-turbinate nasal swabs, nasopharyngeal swabs, oropharyngeal swabs, sputum, lower respiratory tract aspirates, bronchoalveolar lavage, and nasopharyngeal wash/aspirate or nasal aspirate) from individuals suspected of COVID-19. Results are for the identification of SARS-CoV-2 RNA. The SARS-CoV-2 RNA is generally detectable in upper and lower respiratory specimens during the acute phase of infection. Positive results are indicative of the presence of SARS-CoV-2 RNA.</p>	100% (50/50)	100% (100/100)	Available. EUA issued on 17th April 2020	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	Mobidiag ²⁰⁸ Finland		<p>Amplidiag COVID-19</p> <p>Real-time RT-PCR test with two molecular targets (orf1ab and N) including at least one conserved region and one specific region to mitigate effects of genetic drift and avoid cross-reaction with other endemic coronaviruses.</p>	(no info)	(no info)	Available as an emergency use test in Finland and France, set up for routine use in main clinical laboratories in Finland with capacity to test up to 4000 samples a day. ³⁰⁹ In the process for obtaining emergency	48 samples in <3h	(no info)

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						use authorisation in Sweden and the UK. In the process for obtaining CE-IVD.		
Immunoassay for SARS-CoV-2 antigens	SD Biosensor ⁵¹ South Korea		STANDARD Q COVID-19 Ag Rapid chromatographic immunoassay for the qualitative detection of specific antigens to SARS-CoV-2 present in the human nasopharynx	(no info)	(no info)	Available. Obtained CE certification	30 minutes	(no info)
Immunoassay for SARS-CoV-2 viral nucleoprotein antigens	SD Biosensor ³¹⁰ South Korea		STANDARD F COVID-19 Ag FIA Fluorescent immunoassay to detect SARS-CoV-2 infection in human nasopharyngeal swab specimen by identifying the existence of SARS-CoV-2 viral nucleoprotein antigens	Higher sensitivity than rapid test	(no info)	Available. Obtained CE certification	30 minutes	(no info)
RT-PCR	Genetic Signatures Ltd Australia		EasyScreen™ SARS-CoV-2 Detection Kit Real time PCR which enables qualitative detection of SARS-CoV-2 via two targets (SARS-CoV-2 N and E genes)	(no info)	(no info)	Available. CE-IVD marked. ³¹¹ Approved for inclusion into the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 13 April 2020. ²⁰⁶	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	Shanghai ZJ Bio-Tech Co Ltd (also called Liferiver) ³¹² China		Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Real Time Multiplex RT-PCR Kit (Detection for 3 genes) Qualitative detection of SARS-CoV-2 by real time PCR	(no info)	(no info)	Available. Approved for inclusion into the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 22 March 2020. ²⁰⁶	(no info)	
RT-PCR	AITbiotech Pte Ltd ³¹³		abTES™ COVID-19 qPCR I Kit Qualitative RT-PCR which detects two COVID-19	(no info)	(no info)	Date of Provisional Authorisation by HSA: 05/03/2020	(no info)	(no info)

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Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
	Singapore		specific regions from its non-structure polypeptide					
RT-PCR	DSO National Laboratories ³¹⁴ Singapore		Real-Time PCR Assay for the Detection of SARSCoV-2 Virus RT-PCR based on specific detection of the polymerase gene region in SARS-CoV-2 virus.	(no info)	(no info)	Date of Provisional Authorisation by HSA: 10/03/2020	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	Biowalker Pte Ltd ³¹⁵ Singapore		Kit for Novel-Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) RNA (Isothermal Amplification-Real Time Fluorescence Assay) Detection of 2019-nCoV RNA in swab and sputum samples	(no info)	(no info)	Date of Provisional Authorisation by HSA: 24/03/2020	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	JN Medsys Pte Ltd ³¹⁶ Singapore		ProTect™ COVID-19 RT-qPCR Kit In-vitro qualitative detection of SARS-CoV-2 from samples. The test targets SARS-CoV-2 N1, N2 and N3 genes and the human RNase P control gene.	High sensitivity and specificity, no statistics given	(no info)	Date of Provisional Authorisation by HSA: 19/03/2020	Within 2 hours ³¹⁷	(no info)
RT-PCR	Veredus Laboratories Pte Ltd ¹⁶⁷ Singapore		VereCoV™ Detection Kit Multiplex RT-PCR/microarray-based in-vitro diagnostic test.			Date of Provisional Authorisation by HSA: 18/02/2020		
RT-PCR	Vela Operations Singapore Pte Ltd ³¹⁸ Singapore		ViroKey SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR Test	(no info)	(no info)	Date of Provisional Authorisation by HSA: 15/04/2020	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	SPD Scientific Pte Ltd ³¹⁹ Singapore		Cepheid® Xpert® Xpress SARS-CoV-2	(no info)	(no info)	Date of Provisional Authorisation by HAS: 26/03/2020	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	PerkinElmer Singapore Pte Ltd ³²⁰		PerkinElmer® SARS-CoV-2 Real-time RT-PCR Assay	(no info)	(no info)	Provisional Authorisation from HSA: 20/04/2020	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	BioWalker Pte Ltd ³²¹		BioWalker SARS-CoV-2 Assay	(no info)	(no info)	Date of Provisional Authorisation from HSA: 20/04/2020	(no info)	(no info)

Molecular Tests								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
RT-PCR	Medicell Pharmaceutical (S) Pte Ltd ³²²		Sansure Biotech Novel Coronavirus (2019- nCoV) Nucleic Acid Diagnostic Kit	(no info)	(no info)	Date of Provisional Authorisation from HSA: 23/04/2020	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	Trax management Services Inc. ³²³		PhoenixDx 2019-CoV	100% (30/30)	100% (10/10)	FDA EUA issued on 20/4/2020	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	Ustar Biotechnologies (Hangzhou) Co Ltd (China) ³²⁴		EasyNat Diagnostic Kit for Novel-Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) RNA (Isothermal Amplification-Real Time Fluorescence Assay)	(no info)	(no info)	Approved for inclusion on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 23 April 2020.	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	CTK Biotech Inc (United States of America) ³²⁵		Aridia COVID-19 Real-Time PCR Test	95.1%	95.9%	Approved for inclusion on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 24 April 2020.	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	PCL ¹⁷⁵		PCL COVID19 Ag Rapid FIA ¹⁷⁵ Qualitative detection of SARS-CoV-2 antigens from human oropharyngeal and deep sputum samples	Sensitivity: 100%		CE approved	10 minutes	(no info)
RT-PCR	Season Biomaterials ³²⁶		RT-PCR Test U-TOP COVID-19 Detection Kit ³²⁷ Qualitative detection of SARS-CoV-2 antigens from oropharyngeal and nasopharyngeal swab specimens, anterior nasal and mid-turbinate nasal swabs, nasopharyngeal wash/aspirate or nasal aspirate specimens and sputum samples	100% (for both nasopharyngeal and sputum) ³²⁷	No cross-reactivity with 33 microorganisms	FDA EUA issued on 27/04/2020	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR assay	Rhoenix, Inc. ³²⁸		Rhoenix COVID-19 MDx Assay ³²⁹ Qualitative detection of total nucleic acid from SARS-CoV-2 in nasopharyngeal swabs, oropharyngeal	100% ³²⁹	100%	FDA EUA issued on 29/04/2020 ³²⁹	(no info)	(no info)

Molecular Tests								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
			(throat) swabs, anterior nasal swabs, mid-turbinate nasal swabs, nasal washes, nasal aspirates and bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) fluid.					
RT-PCR assay	LabGenomics Co., Ltd ³³⁰		LabGun COVID-10 RT-PCR Kit ³³¹ Qualitative detection of total nucleic acid from SARS-CoV-2 in nasopharyngeal swabs, oropharyngeal (throat) swabs, anterior nasal swabs, mid-turbinate nasal swabs, nasopharyngeal washes, nasal aspirates and sputum	100% (50/50) ³³¹	100% (100/100) ³³¹	FDA EUA issued on 29/04/2020 ³³¹	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	BioFire Diagnostics, LLC ³³²		BioFire Respiratory Panel 2.1 ³³³ Multiplex RT-PCR test detecting SARS-CoV-2 spike (S) and membrane (M) gene	98% (48/49)	100% (279/279)	FDA EUA issued on 1 May 2020 ³³³	(no info)	(no info)
RT-PCR	Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc. ³³⁴		Bio-Rad SARS-CoV-2 ddPCR Test ³³⁵ Multiplex RT-PCR test detecting SARS-CoV-2 spike (S) and membrane (M) gene	94.87% (37/39, analysis done after Thermo MagMAX extraction); 94.59% (35/37, analysis done after QIAamp viral RNA extraction)	94.87% (37/39, analysis done after Thermo MagMAX extraction); 95.00% (38/40, analysis done after QIAamp viral RNA extraction)	FDA EUA issued on 1 May 2020 ³³⁵	(no info)	(no info)

Table 2.2 Upcoming/Available Diagnostics: Serological tests

Serological tests (antibody immunoassay test)								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
IgM/IgG antibody	Livzon ¹⁹¹ (collaboration with Wuhan Institute of	4 Feb 2020	Diagnostics kit for IgM/IgG antibody to novel coronavirus (ELISA)	(no info)	(no info)	Developed. Undergoing testing. Emergency use	(no info)	(no info)

Serological tests (antibody immunoassay test)								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
immunoassay (ELISA)	Virology, Chinese Academy of Science)		Indirect method for ELISA for in vitro qualitative detection of antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 in human serum or plasma.			approval submitted to China's NMPA on 28 Jan 2020. Approved on 14 March for commercial use. ³³⁶		
IgM/IgG antibody immunoassay (colloidal gold)	Livzon ¹⁹¹ (collaboration with Wuhan Institute of Virology, Chinese Academy of Science)	4 Feb 2020	Diagnostics kit for IgM/IgG antibody to novel coronavirus (colloidal gold) Immunochromatography assay for in vitro qualitative detection of antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 in human serum or plasma.	(no info)	(no info)	Developed. Undergoing testing. Emergency use approval submitted to China's NMPA on 2 Feb 2020. Approved for inclusion on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 23 April 2020.	15 mi	(no info)
CLIA	Shenzhen Tisenc Medical Device ⁵³ (collaboration with Shenzhen University and Shenzhen No.3 People's Hospital) China	12 Feb 2020	2019 Novel Coronavirus IgM kit (CLIA) 2019 Novel Coronavirus IgG kit (CLIA) Chemiluminescence antibody test kit using serum or plasma.	IgM kit - 96.6% (29/30) IgG kit - 96.6% (29/30) ³³⁷	(no info)	Available. Received CE certification on 6 March 2020 ³³⁷	22 min (unclear if serum/plasma extraction time included or not)	(no info)
IgM antibody immunoassay [Point-of-Care]	Guangzhou Medical University ^{11,41} (Dr Zhong Nanshan) In collaboration with Jiangsu Medomics Medical Technologies and many other institutes China	15 Feb 2020	SARS-CoV-2 rapid IgG-IgM combined antibody kit (colloidal gold) In-vitro detection of IgG/IgM antibodies using lateral flow immunoassay techniques ^{338, 55}	88.66% (352/397) Evaluated using blood samples from 397 clinically confirmed (including PCR test) SARS-CoV-2-infected patients. ⁵⁵	90.63% (116/128) Evaluated using blood samples from 128 non-SARS-CoV-2-infected patients. ⁵⁵	Available for use in China but not commercially	15 min (unclear if serum/plasma extraction time included or not)	(no info)
IgM/IgG antibody immunoassay	Nankai University ⁵⁴ (in collaboration with	17 Feb 2020	Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) IgM/IgG antibody detection kit	75% (30/40) in first clinical trial, but	(no info)	Available non-commercially in China. ³³⁹	15 min (unclear if serum/plasma	(no info)

Serological tests (antibody immunoassay test)								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
	KingFocus Biomedical) China			suboptimal in the second trial ³³⁹			extraction time included or not)	
IgM and IgG antibody immunoassay [Point-of-Care]	Guangzhou Wondfo Biotech ⁴²⁻⁴⁶ China	20 Feb 2020	Wondfo SARS-CoV-2 Antibody Test (Lateral Flow Method) Colloidal gold method for IgM and IgG antibody detection.	(no info)	(no info)	Available. Approved by China's NMPA. Received CE Mark Mar 2020. ^{46,47} Obtained HSA provisional approval on 9 April 2020, supplied through SkyQuest Pte Ltd. ³⁴⁰ Approved for inclusion on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 25 March 2020. ²⁰⁶	15 min (unclear if serum/plasma extraction time included or not)	(no info)
IgG and IgA antibody immunoassay	EUROIMMUN AG ³⁴¹⁻³⁴³ Germany	21 Feb 2020	Anti-SARS-CoV-2 ELISA ELISA for IgG and IgA antibody detection. S1 domain of the spike protein is used as the substrate in the ELISAs as it is considered immunogenic and is evolutionarily less conserved, leading to high specificity. ³⁴⁴	Sensitivity: 90% (27/30) Specificity: 100% (80/80) ³⁴⁵	IgG – 99% IgA – approximately 90%, not recommended for screening ³⁴⁶	Commercially available. CE-marked since 25 March 2020 ²⁶⁰	2 hours ³⁴⁷	(no info)
IgG and IgM antibody immunoassay [Point-of-Care]	BioMedomics / Jiangsu Medomics Medical Technology ^{52,55,56} USA / China	21 Feb 2020	COVID-19 IgM/IgG Rapid Test Lateral flow immunoassay with both IgM and IgG antibodies adhered using colloidal gold. Can be used with fingerstick whole blood.	88.66% 352 positives out of 397 positive cases: - 256 both IgG and IgM - 72 IgG - 24 IgM	90.63% 12 positives out of 128 negative controls: - 1 both IgG and IgM - 1 IgG - 10 IgM	Commercially available. More than half a million sold in China. Received CE Mark for IVD 8 Mar 2020. Already sold in Italy. ⁵⁶ Submitted to US FDA for EUA approval. ^{57,58}	15 min	(no info)

Serological tests (antibody immunoassay test)								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
IgM antibody immunoassay	Innovita Biological Technology ⁴² China	23 Feb 2020	2019-nCoV Antibody Test (colloidal gold) IgG and IgM antibody detection from venous whole blood/ plasma/ serum samples	87.3% ³⁴⁸	100% ³⁴⁸	Available commercially. Approved by China's NMPA. Approved for inclusion on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods. ⁷⁹ CE-IVD approved. ³ Partnered with Scanwell Health to be distributed in US, together with an accompanying smartphone app, pending US FDA EUA approval. ³⁴⁸	(no info)	Projected to be \$70 as distributed by Scanwell Health ³⁴⁸
Antibody immunoassay [Point-of-Care]	Mologic (partnership with the Institut Pasteur de Dakar) ^{349,350} UK	25 Feb 2020	Lateral flow immunoassay for detection of antibodies for SARS-CoV-2.	99% ³⁵¹	98% ³⁵¹	Developed. Ready for manufacture with CE mark. ³⁵¹	10 min	(no info)
IgM or IgG antibody immunoassay	Duke-NUS Medical School ^{39,40} (Prof Wang Linfa) Singapore	26 Feb 2020	IgM or IgG antibody detection.	(no info)	(no info)	Available (not commercially).	(no info)	(no info)
CLIA for IgM and IgG antibody	Snibe Diagnostic ^{352,353} China	28 Feb 2020	Maglumi 2019-nCoV (SARS-CoV-2) IgM/IgG kits Fully automated CLIA using 10µL sample volume of serum or plasma.	Differs across different durations from symptom onset <5 days: IgA – 3.3% (1/30); IgG – 10% (3/30) 5-10 days: IgA – 15.4% (2/13); IgG – 53.8% (7/13) 10-21 days: IgA – 60% (3/5); IgG – 100% (5/5) ³⁵⁴	(no info)	Available. Have been distributed in China and will soon be in Italy. Received CE Mark 19 Feb 2020. ³⁵³	30 min	(no info)

Serological tests (antibody immunoassay test)								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
IgM and IgG antibody immunoassay [Point-of-Care]	Hangzhou AllTest Biotech ^{79,355,356} China	2 Mar 2020	2019-nCoV IgG/IgM Rapid Test Cassette Lateral flow chromatographic immunoassay for the qualitative detection of IgG and IgM antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 in human whole blood, serum or plasma specimen.	IgM test 85.0% (17/20) IgG test 100.0% (20/20) Tested with the results compared to leading commercial PCR.	IgM test 96.0% (48/50) IgG test 98.0% (49/50) Tested with the results compared to leading commercial PCR.	Commercially available. Received CE Mark for IVD. Approved for inclusion in Australia's ARTG. ⁷⁹ Used in study by Lee et al (2020). ³⁵⁷	10 min	(by quote)
IgM and IgG antibody immunoassay [Point-of-Care]	Pharmact AG ⁴⁸ Germany	10 Mar 2020	CoV-2 Rapid Test Using drops of blood from fingerstick onto test cassette, with two drops of buffer solution.	(no info)	(no info)	Available.	20 min	€39.95
IgM and IgG antibody immunoassay [Point-of-Care]	Zhejiang Orient Gene Biotech ^{49,50} China	10 Mar 2020	COVID-19 IgG/IgM Rapid Test Solid phase immunochromatography assay for rapid qualitative detection of IgG and IgM antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 using human whole blood, serum or plasma.	IgM test 87.9% (87/99) IgG test 97.2% (35/36) Tested with 113 blood samples, and the results compared to RT-PCR or clinical diagnosis.	IgM test 100% (14/14) IgG test 100% (14/14) Tested with 113 blood samples, and the results compared to RT-PCR or clinical diagnosis.	Available. Received CE Mark. Currently one of only a few tests used for coronavirus screening in China. Commercialisation and distribution licensing deal with Aytu Bioscience for USA. Approved for inclusion on Australia's ARTG on 1 April 2020. ⁷⁹	2-10 min	(no info)
IgM and IgG antibody immunoassay [Point-of-Care]	SD Biosensor ⁵¹ South Korea	(Webpage found as of 12 Mar 2020)	STANDARD Q COVID-19 IgM/IgG Duo Immunochromatography assay for rapid qualitative detection of IgG and IgM antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 using human whole blood, serum or plasma.	Sensitivity at 81.8% (27/33) ⁵¹	Specificity at 96.7% (29/30)	Available.	10 min	(no info)
Carbohydrate-based glycation	Iceni Diagnostics ³⁵⁸	20 Mar 2020	Carbohydrate-based, lateral flow assay for detection of	(no info)	(no info)	In development.	(no info)	(no info)

Serological tests (antibody immunoassay test)								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
pattern detection	UK		glycation patterns of SARS-CoV-2					
IgM and IgG antibody immunoassay [Point-of-Care]	Chembio Diagnostic Systems ³⁵⁹⁻³⁶¹ USA	20 Mar 2020	DPP COVID-19 IgM/IgG System Lateral flow assay testing for IgM and IgG, to be read using the DPP Micro Reader or DPP Micro Reader 2 (not visually).	IgM: 50% (3/6) IgG: 100% (6/6) Tested with fresh, fingerstick blood samples prospectively-collected from 11 hospital workers in the United States (New York), 6 of whom were confirmed positive cases with results from FDA-authorized RT-PCR test. ³⁶⁰	IgM: 100% (6/6) IgG: 100% (6/6) Tested with fresh, fingerstick blood samples prospectively-collected from 11 hospital workers in the United States (New York), 5 of whom were confirmed negative with results from FDA-authorized RT-PCR test. ³⁶⁰	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 14 Apr 2020.	10-15 min	(no info)
IgM and IgG antibody immunoassay [Point-of-Care]	Cellex ^{59,251} USA	1 Apr 2020	qSARS-CoV-2 IgG/IgM Rapid Test For "aid in the diagnosis of patients with suspected SARS-CoV-2 infection in conjunction with clinical presentation and the results of other laboratory tests." ⁵⁹ Can be used with serum, plasmas, or whole blood from venepuncture (not fingerstick).	93.8% (120/128) Tested with 98 positive serum or plasma samples collected from individuals who tested positive with RT-PCR and 30 samples from hospitalised individuals who were clinically confirmed positive and exhibited severe symptoms. ⁵⁹	96.0% (240/250) Tested with negative serum or plasma samples collected prior to September 2019. ⁵⁹	Commercially available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 1 Apr 2020. Approved for inclusion in Australia's ARTG 31 Mar 2020. ⁷⁹	15-20min	(no info)
IgM and IgG antibody immunoassay	Ortho Clinical Diagnostics ³⁶²⁻³⁶⁴ USA	6 Apr 2020	VITROS Immunodiagnostic Products Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Total Reagent Pack Runs on VITROS ECi/ECiQ/3600 Immunodiagnostic System and the VITROS 5600/XT 7600 Integrated Systems. Can run up to 150 samples per hour. ³⁶⁴	83.3% (30/36) Tested with 36 samples from patients confirmed to be SARS-CoV-2 positive with PCR. ³⁶³	100% (400/400) 400 presumed SARS-CoV-2 negative samples from healthy blood donors serving as negative controls. ³⁶³	Available. Obtained EUA approval from US FDA 14 Apr 2020.	48 min (Up to 150 samples per hour)	(no info)
IgG antibody immunoassay	Abbott Laboratories Inc. ^{365,366} USA	15 Apr 2020	SARS-CoV-2 IgG test Lab-based serology test for the detection of IgG. Can run on ARCHITECT® i1000SR and i2000SR laboratory instruments.	Sensitivity: 0% (Less than 3 days post symptom onset), 25% (3-7 days post symptoms onset), 86.36% (8-13 days post	Specificity: 100% (73/73) ³⁶⁷	Commercially available. FDA EUA issued on 23/04/2020	(100-200 tests per hour)	(no info)

Serological tests (antibody immunoassay test)								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
				symptoms onset), 100% (more than 14 days post symptoms onset) ³⁶⁷				
IgG Antibody immunoassay	Mount Sinai Laboratory ³⁶⁸		<p>COVID-19 ELISA IgG Antibody test</p> <p>ELISA performed for the qualitative detection of human IgG antibodies in serum and plasma specimens collected from individuals suspected of prior infection with the virus that causes COVID-19. Detection of IgG SARS-CoV-2 antibodies. The presence of IgG antibodies defines IgG antibody seroconversion and generally becomes detectable beginning 10-14 days following infection.</p>	92% (37/40)	100% (74/74)	Available. EUA issued on 15th April 2020.	(no info)	(no info)
IgG and IgM antibody immunoassay (colloidal gold) [Point-of-Care]	Mobidiag (in collaboration with Autobio Diagnostics) ²⁰⁸ Finland		<p>Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Test</p> <p>Immunoassay Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Test is based on a colloidal gold method for the rapid, qualitative determination of SARS-CoV-2 IgG/IgM antibodies in human serum, plasma or whole blood.</p>	97.4%	96.2%	CE-IVD marked. For in vitro diagnostic use. FDA EUA issued on 24/04/2020	<15 min	(no info)
IgG/IgM immunoassay	Hangzhou Realy Tech Co Ltd China		<p>2019-nCoV/COVID-19 IgG/IgM Rapid Test Device</p> <p>Lateral flow IgG/IgM</p>	(no info)	(no info)	Approved for inclusion on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 16 April 2020 ²⁰⁶	(no info)	(no info)
IgG/IgM immunoassay	Hangzhou Clongene Biotech Co Ltd China		<p>COVID-19 IgG/IgM Rapid Test Cassette</p> <p>Rapid point-of-care lateral flow chromatographic</p>	IgM – 87.01% (67/77) IgG – 99.42% (75/77) ³⁶⁹	IgM – 98.89% (89/90) ³⁶⁹	Available. Received CE mark. ³⁶⁹ Approved for inclusion into the Australian	(no info)	(no info)

Serological tests (antibody immunoassay test)								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
			immunoassay for the qualitative detection of IgG and IgM antibodies to SARS-CoV-2			Register of Therapeutic Goods on 26 March 2020 ²⁰⁶		
IgG/IgM immunoassay	Hangzhou Biotest Biotech Co Ltd China		COVID-19 IgG/IgM Rapid Test Cassette Rapid chromatographic immunoassay for the qualitative detection of IgG and IgM antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 in human whole blood, serum or plasma	IgG – 100% (75/75) IgM – 91.8% (78/85) ³⁷⁰	IgG – 99.5% (369/371); IgM – 99.2% (368/371) ³⁷⁰	Available. Received CE mark. Approved for inclusion into the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 4 April 2020. ²⁰⁶	(no info)	(no info)
IgM/IgG antibody test [Point-of-Care]	Hangzhou Laihe Biotech Co Ltd ³⁷¹ China		Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) IgM/IgG Antibody Combo Test Kit (Colloidal Gold) POCT rapid SARS-CoV-2 IgM/IgG antibody test	(no info)	(no info)	Commercially available. Approved for inclusion into the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 6 April 2020. ²⁰⁶	Within 10 min	\$20 per test kit
IgG/IgM antibody test	CTK Biotech Inc ³⁷² USA		OnSite COVID-19 IgG/IgM Rapid Test Designed for initial screening by detecting anti-SAR-CoV-2 IgG and IgM antibodies in human serum, plasma or whole blood	96.9%	99.4%	Available commercially. Approved for inclusion into the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 19 March 2020. ²⁰⁶	10 minutes	(no info)
IgG/IgM antibody test	Qingdao Hightop Biotech Co Ltd ³⁷³ China		SARS-CoV-2 IgM/IgG Antibody Rapid Test Qualitative detection of SARS-CoV-2 IgG and IgM antibodies in human serum, plasma or whole blood samples	IgM – 82% IgG – 93%	IgM – 97% IgG – 97.5%	Available. Approved for inclusion into the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 31 March 2020. ²⁰⁶	15 minutes	(no info)

Serological tests (antibody immunoassay test)								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
Antibody immunoassay	Beijing Wantai Biologicalpharmacy Enterprise Co Ltd ³⁷⁴ China		Wantai SARS-CoV-2 Ab Rapid Test Kit Rapid qualitative detection of total antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 in human serum, plasma or whole blood specimens, employing chromatographic lateral flow device in a cassette format (colloidal gold)	96.6% (131/137) Evaluated using 137 specimens from confirmed COVID-19 patients and 209 specimens from healthy individuals	95.2% (199/209) Evaluated using 137 specimens from confirmed COVID-19 patients and 209 specimens from healthy individuals	Available. CE-IVD marked. Approved for inclusion into the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 27 March 2020. ²⁰⁶	(no info)	(no info)
Antibody Immunoassay	Camtech Diagnostics Pte Ltd ³⁷⁵ Singapore		Camtech COVID-19 IgM/IgG Immunoassay kit for the rapid and differential detection of IgG and IgM against COVID-19 using serum, plasma and whole blood.	(no info)	(no info)	Date of Provisional Authorisation by HSA: 09/04/2020	10 Minutes	(no info)
IgG/IgM Antibody detection	Biolidics Limited ³⁷⁶ Singapore		Nanjing Vazyme 2019-nCoV IgG/IgM Detection Kit Also marketed as Biolidics 2019-nCoV IgG/IgM Detection Kit Detection of 2019-nCoV IgG and IgM in human serum, plasma and whole blood	(no info)	(no info)	Date of Provisional Authorisation by HSA: 20/03/2020	(no info)	(no info)
IgG/IgM Antibody detection	Everest Links Pte Ltd ³⁷⁷ Singapore		VivaDiag™ COVID-19 IgM/IgG Rapid Test In vitro diagnostic test for the qualitative determination of COVID-19's IgM and IgG antibodies in human blood, serum and plasma.	(no info)	(no info)	Date of Provisional Authorisation by HSA: 20/03/2020 Date of approval for inclusion into ARTG: 26/03/2020	(no info)	(no info)
IgG/IgM Antibody detection	Grit Overseas Pte Ltd ³⁷⁸		DiagnoSure COVID-19 IgG/IgM Rapid Test Cassette	(no info)	(no info)	Date of Provisional Authorisation from HSA: 24/04/2020	(no info)	(no info)
IgG Antibody detection	Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, Inc. ³⁷⁹		VITROS Immunodiagnostic Products Anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgG Reagent Pack	87.5% (42/48)	100% (407/407)	FDA EUA issued on 24/4/2020	(no info)	(no info)

Serological tests (antibody immunoassay test)								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
IgG Antibody detection	Diasorin Inc. ³⁸⁰		LIAISON SARS-CoV-2 S1/S2 IgG	25% (Less than 5 days from diagnosis), 89.8% (6-14 days from diagnosis), 97.56% (More than 15 days from diagnosis)	99.3% (1082/1090)	FDA EUA issued on 24/4/2020	(no info)	(no info)
IgG and IgM antibody immunoassay	Shenzhen YHLO Biotech Co. Ltd (China) ³⁸¹		iFlash 8000 CLIA analyser ³⁸² Fully Automated chemiluminescent immunoassay for anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgM and IgG antibodies.	Sensitivity: 81.5% for IgM, 100% for IgG ³⁸²	Specificity: 88.1% for IgM, 92.8% for IgG ³⁸²	(no info)	(no info)	(no info)
IgG and IgM antibody	GenBody Inc (South Korea) ³²³		GenBody COVID-19 IgM/IgG Point-of-care chromatographic immunoassay kit for the rapid and differential detection of anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgM and IgG using serum, plasma and whole blood from capillary blood samples. ³²³	Sensitivity : 50% at Day 1-6, 91.7% at after Day 7 ³²³	Specificity : 97.5% ³²³	Availability: Approved for inclusion on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 28 April 2020.	10 minutes	(no info)
IgG and IgM antibody	Healgen Scientific Limited Liability Company (USA) ³⁸³		COVID-19 Antibody Rapid Detection Kit ³⁸³ Rapid test for the qualitative, differential detection of both anti-SARS-CoV-2 IgM and IgG antibodies from whole blood, serum and plasma, using lateral flow method	Sensitivity: IgG 97.2%; IgM 87.9%	Specificity: IgG 100%; IgM 100%	Approved for inclusion on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 29 April 2020. Pending FDA approval	10 minutes	(no info)
IgG and IgM antibody	PCL		PCL COVID19 IgG/IgM Rapid Gold ¹⁷⁵ Qualitative detection of COVID-19 IgG/IgM antibodies using lateral flow technique	100%		Approved for inclusion on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods on 1 May 2020. ¹⁷⁵	10 minutes	(no info)
ELISA total antibodies	Bio-Rad Laboratories ³⁸⁴		ELISA Total Antibodies Platelia SARS-CoV-2 Total Antibody Assay ³⁸⁴	100% in Serum, 83.33% in Plasma	99.51% in Serum, 100% in Plasma	FDA EUA issued on 29/04/2020 ³⁸⁴	(no info)	(no info)

Serological tests (antibody immunoassay test)								
Type	Organisation	Reported	Test	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
			Qualitative detection of total antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 in human serum and plasma EDTA					
Total Antibody Immunoassay	Wadsworth Center ³⁸⁵		New York SARS-CoV Microsphere Immunoassay for Antibody Detection ³⁸⁶ Qualitative detection of total antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 in human serum.	88.0% (95/108)	99.6% (Blood donors), 98.7% (Diverse group of viral pathogens), 96.7% (Respiratory infections), 97.1% (Other study with respiratory infections)	FDA EUA issued on 30/04/2020 ³⁸⁶	(no info)	(no info)
Total antibody Immunoassay	Roche Diagnostics		Elecsys Anti-SARS-CoV-2 ³⁸⁷ Immunoassay for qualitative detection of antibodies to SARS-CoV-2	65.5% (76/116, Day 0-6 post-PCR confirmation); 88.1% (52/59, Day 7-13 post-PCR confirmation); 100% (29/29, >= 14 days post-PCR confirmation)	99.81% (5262/5272)	FDA EUA issued on 2 May 2020 ³⁸⁷	(no info)	(no info)

RT-PCR: reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction

NGS: next generation sequencing

LAMP: loop-mediated isothermal amplification

CLIA: chemiluminescence immunoassay

ddPCR: digital droplet polymerase chain reaction

IgM: Immunoglobulin M

IgG: Immunoglobulin G

IgA: Immunoglobulin A

E: envelope gene

N: nucleocapsid protein gene

Nsp: non-structural protein gene

ORF: open reading frame gene

RdRp: RNA-dependent RNA polymerase gene

S: spike protein gene

RUO: Research Use Only

IVD: In Vitro Diagnostics

CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CE Mark: Conformité Européenne (CE) Mark – European Union's mandatory conformity marking for regulating goods sold in European Economic Area

EUA: emergency use assessment

FDA: Food & Drug Administration (US)

NMPA: National Medical Products Administration (China)

ARTG: Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (Australia)

HSA: Health Services Authority (Singapore)

rxn: reactions

Table 3. Approaches for Coronavirus Diagnostics

Type	Test	Coronavirus	Sensitivity	Specificity	Availability	Turnaround	Costs
RT-PCR	Duplex RT-PCR method with primers and probes targeting: pUC57SARS-pS2	SARS-CoV					
RT-PCR	Duplex RT-PCR method with primers and probes targeting: pGEM-MERSS2	MERS-CoV					
RT-PCR	Singleplex RT-iiPCR assays targeting open reading frame 1a gene: MERS-CoV ORF1a	MERS-CoV	99.3%	(no info)			
RT-PCR	Singleplex RT-iiPCR assays targeting envelope gene: upE RT-iiPCR	MERS-CoV	100%	(no info)			
rRT-PCR	<u>AccuPower (Bioneer, Korea)</u> Two single gene-targeting reagents for simultaneous detection of upE and ORF1a genes	MERS-CoV	100%	100%	Commercial kit		
rRT-PCR	<u>Anyplex (Seegene, Korea)</u> Screening: Single gene target of upstream of upE region Confirmation: Multiple gene targets at both upE and ORF1a regions	MERS-CoV	100%	100%	Commercial kit		
rRT-PCR	<u>DiaPlexQ (SolGent, Korea)</u> Screening: Single gene target of upstream of upE region Confirmation: Multiple gene targets at both upE and ORF1a regions	MERS-CoV	100%	100%	Commercial kit		
rRT-PCR	<u>LightMix (Roche Molecular Diagnostics, Switzerland)</u> Two single gene-targeting reagents for simultaneous detection of upE and ORF1a genes	MERS-CoV	100%	100%	Commercial kit		
rRT-PCR	<u>UltraFast kits (Nanobiosys, Korea)</u> Two single gene-targeting reagents for simultaneous detection of upE and ORF1a genes	MERS-CoV	100%	100%	Commercial kit		
rRT-PCR	<u>PowerChek (Kogene Biotech, Korea)</u> Screening: Single gene target of upstream of upE region Confirmation: Multiple gene targets at both upE and ORF1a regions	MERS-CoV	100%	100%	Commercial kit		
rRT-PCR	TaqMan probe-based one-step rRT-PCR assays for upE and <u>ORF1b</u> genes.	MERS-CoV					
rRT-PCR	Monoclonal antibodies-based rapid nucleoprotein assay	MERS-CoV	Detection limit of about 103.7-104.2 TCID ₅₀ /ml of MERS-CoV				
RT-LAMP	Two primer sets with one targeting the N gene and one targeting the ORF1a gene	MERS-CoV					
RT-LAMP-VF	Two primer sets with one targeting the N gene and one targeting the ORF1a gene combined with vertical flow visualization strip using nucleic acid visualization technique.	MERS-CoV		No cross-reactivity to multiple SARS-related-CoVs, including HKU1, HKU4, OC43 and 229E.			
(novel)	Arch-shaped multiple-target sensor	MERS-CoV				20 min	

RT-PCR: reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction

rRT-PCR: real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction

RT-LAMP: reverse transcription loop-mediated isothermal amplification

RT-LAMP-VF: reverse transcription loop-mediated isothermal amplification with a vertical flow visualization strip

upE: envelope gene

ORF1a: open reading frame 1a

ORF1b: open reading frame 1b

Table 4. Gene Targets and Specimen Sample Types Tested with PCR

Paper	Gene Targets	Cycle Time	Number of Confirmed Cases	Sample Type Tested with PCR
Ong et al (2020) ³⁸⁸	RdRp E	81 min 15 sec	3 cases* Singapore	Surface environment, personal protective equipment, and air samples.
Chan et al (2020) ²¹²	RdRp S	200 min	6 cases Shenzhen, China	Nasopharyngeal and throat swabs, and stool and urine samples.
Huang C et al (2020) ³⁸⁹	E	51 min 45 sec	41 cases Wuhan, China	Nasal and pharyngeal swabs, bronchoalveolar lavage fluid, sputum, or bronchial aspirates.
Phan et al (2020) ³⁹⁰	(no info)	(no info)	2 cases Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam	Throat swab.
Chen Z et al (2020) ³⁹¹	E (same as Huang et al)	51 min 45 sec	99 cases Wuhan, China	Throat swab. (Plus sputum or endotracheal aspirates?)
Holshue et al (2020) ³⁹²	N gene (Testing by US CDC)	(US CDC protocol)	1 case Snohomish County, USA	Nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal swabs, stool and serum.
Lei et al (2020) ³⁹³	(no info)	(no info)	1 case Lanzhou, China	Sputum.
Liu P et al (2020) ³⁹⁴	(no info)	(no info)	1 case Hunan, China	Throat swab.
Chang et al (2020) ³⁹⁵	(Testing by Beijing CDC)	(no info)	13 cases Beijing, China	Throat swabs.
Fang Y et al (2020a) ³⁹⁶	(no info)	(no info)	2 cases Linhai, China	Sputum.
Liu K et al (2020) ³⁹⁷	ORF1ab N (Biogerm test kit)	51 min 45 sec	137 cases 9 hospitals across Hubei province, China	Sputum and nasopharyngeal swab.
Shi et al (2020a) ⁷⁰	(no info)	(no info)	1 case Wuhan, China	Sputum.
Wang D et al (2020) ³⁹⁸	ORF1ab N	60 min	138 cases Wuhan, China	Throat swab.
Liu Y et al (2020) ³⁹⁹	ORF1ab N (GeneDx test kit)	(Chinese CDC protocol)	12 cases Shenzhen, China	Throat swabs and bronchoalveolar lavage fluid.
Wang Z et al (2020) ⁴⁰⁰	E (same as Huang et al)	51 min 45 sec	4 cases Shanghai, China	Throat swab.

Paper	Gene Targets	Cycle Time	Number of Confirmed Cases	Sample Type Tested with PCR
Bastola et al (2020) ⁴⁰¹	(Testing by WHO lab in Hong Kong)	(no info)	1 case Nepal	Throat swab.
Chen H et al (2020) ⁴⁰²	ORF1ab N (Biogerm test kit)	51 min 45 sec	9 cases (pregnant women) Wuhan, China	Throat swab.
Duan et al (2020) ⁴⁰³	(no info)	(no info)	1 case Guangzhou, China	Pharyngeal swab.
Huang P et al (2020) ⁴⁰⁴	(no info)	(no info)	1 case Zhuhai, China	Sputum.
Li X et al (2020) ⁴⁰⁵	(no info)	(no info)	1 case Hefei, China	Sputum.
Liu Y et al (2020) ⁴⁰⁶	[cited Corman et al (2020) – assume E and RdRp genes]	(no info)	1 case Taiwan	Throat swab.
Liu T et al (2020) ⁴⁰⁷	(no info)	(no info)	3 cases Zhuhai, China	Sputum.
Ng et al (2020) ⁴⁰⁸	[cited Chan et al (2020) – assume RdRp and S genes]	200 min	21 cases [6 previously reported in Chan et al (2020)] Hong Kong and Shenzhen, China	Nose and throat swabs, and stool and urine samples.
Silverstein et al (2020) ⁴⁰⁹	(no info)	(no info)	1 case Toronto, Canada	Mid-turbinate and throat swabs.
China CDC (2020) ⁴¹⁰	(no info)	(no info)	72,314 cases China	Throat swabs.
Wei M et al (2020) ⁴¹¹	(no info)	(no info)	9 cases (infants under 1 yr) China	Nasopharyngeal swab.
Wu Y et al (2020) ⁴¹²	(no info)	(no info)	1 case Wuhan, China	Nasopharyngeal swab.
Van Cuong et al (2020) ⁴¹³	(sample ran by National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology)	(no info)	1 case Hanoi, Vietnam	Nasopharyngeal swab.
Xu Z et al (2020) ⁴¹⁴	(Testing by Beijing CDC)	(no info)	1 case Beijing, China	Throat swab.
Fang Y et al (2020b) ⁴¹⁵	(Shanghai ZJ Bio-Tech test kit)	(no info)	51 cases	Throat swab or sputum sample.

Paper	Gene Targets	Cycle Time	Number of Confirmed Cases	Sample Type Tested with PCR
Huang W et al (2020) ⁴¹⁶	(Testing by Taiwan CDC)	(no info)	Taizhou, China 2 cases	Nasopharyngeal swab.
Zou et al (2020) ⁴¹⁷	N ORF1b	(no info)	Taichung, Taiwan 18 cases	Nasal and throat swabs.
Xu X et al (2020a) ⁴¹⁸	(no info)	(no info)	Zhuhai, China 62 cases	Throat swabs and sputum samples.
Bernheim et al (2020) ⁶⁸	(Test kits by Sansure Biotech, Shanghai Zhijiang Biotechnology, or Da An Gene)	(no info)	7 hospitals in Zhejiang province, China 121 cases	Nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swab, bronchoalveolar lavage fluid, or endotracheal aspirate.
Zhu N et al (2020) ⁴¹⁹	RdRp	41 min 50 sec	China 3 cases	Bronchoalveolar lavage fluid.
Pan et al (2020) ⁴²⁰	(no info)	(no info)	Wuhan, China 2 cases	Throat swabs, sputum, urine, and stool samples.
Shi et al (2020b) ⁷⁰	E	(no info)	Beijing, China 81 cases	Throat swabs.
Wei J et al (2020) ⁴²¹	(no info)	(no info)	Wuhan, China 1 case	Sputum.
Yang W et al (2020) ⁴²²	(no info)	(no info)	Nanchang, China 149 cases	Nasal and pharyngeal swabs, sputum.
Lan et al (2020) ⁴²³	ORF1ab N (Biogerm test kit) [cited Wang D et al (2020)]	60 min [cited Wang D et al (2020)]	Wenzhou, China 4 cases	Throat swabs.
Cai et al (2020) ⁴²⁴	ORF1ab N	(no info)	Wuhan, China 10 cases (children)	Nasopharyngeal and throat swabs, urine and serum samples.
Guan at al (2020) ⁴²⁵	(no info)	(no info)	China 1099 cases	Nasal and pharyngeal swabs.
Kam et al (2020) ⁴²⁶	N ORF1ab	89 min 10 sec 72 min 30 sec	China 1 case	Nasopharyngeal swabs, blood, stool, and urine samples.
Lillie et al (2020) ⁴²⁷	(no info)	(no info)	Singapore 2 cases	Nasopharyngeal, nose and throat swabs.
Ling et al (2020) ⁴²⁸	(no info)	(no info)	UK 66 cases	Oropharyngeal swabs or stool samples.

Paper	Gene Targets	Cycle Time	Number of Confirmed Cases	Sample Type Tested with PCR
Tian et al (2020) ⁴²⁹	(no info)	(no info)	Shanghai, China 2 cases	Pharyngeal swab.
Li K et al (2020) ⁴³⁰	(no info)	(no info)	Wuhan, China 83 cases	Throat swabs or lower respiratory tract samples.
Wu J et al (2020) ⁴³¹	N ORF1ab (Biogerm test kit)	48 min 20 sec	Chongqing and Jinan, China 80 cases	Nose and/or throat swabs.
Xiong et al (2020) ⁴³²	(no info)	(no info)	3 hospitals across Jiangsu province, China 42 cases	Nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swabs.
Young et al (2020) ⁴³³	N ORF1ab S	89 min 10 sec 72 min 30 sec 72 min 30 sec	Wuhan, China 18 cases	Nasopharyngeal swabs, blood, stool, and urine samples.
Zhu et al (2020) ⁴³⁴	(no info)	(no info)	Singapore 6 cases	Oropharyngeal swabs.
Fan et al (2020) ⁴³⁵	(Testing by NCID)	(no info)	Guangzhou, China 69 cases	Respiratory samples.
Hu et al (2020) ⁴³⁶	(Test kit by BGI Genomics)	(no info)	Singapore 24 cases	Pharyngeal swabs.
Li Y et al (2020) ⁴³⁷	(no info)	(no info)	Nanjing, China 51 cases	Oropharyngeal swabs.
Yan et al (2020) ⁴³⁸	N ORF1ab	(no info)	Wuhan, China 2 cases	Nasopharyngeal swabs.
Liu Y et al (2020) ⁴³⁹	(no info)	(no info)	Singapore 18 cases (pregnant women)	Oropharyngeal swabs.
Wang et al (2020) ⁴⁴⁰	(Testing by Henan CDC)	(no info)	China 18 cases	Throat swabs.
Xia et al (2020) ⁴⁴¹	(no info)	(no info)	Zhengzhou, China 20 cases (children)	Pharyngeal swabs.
Zhou et al (2020) ⁴⁴²	(no info)	(no info)	Wuhan, China 62 cases	Respiratory samples.
			Wuhan, China	

E: envelope gene

N: nucleocapsid protein gene

ORF: open reading frame gene

RdRp: RNA-dependent RNA polymerase gene

S: spike protein gene

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